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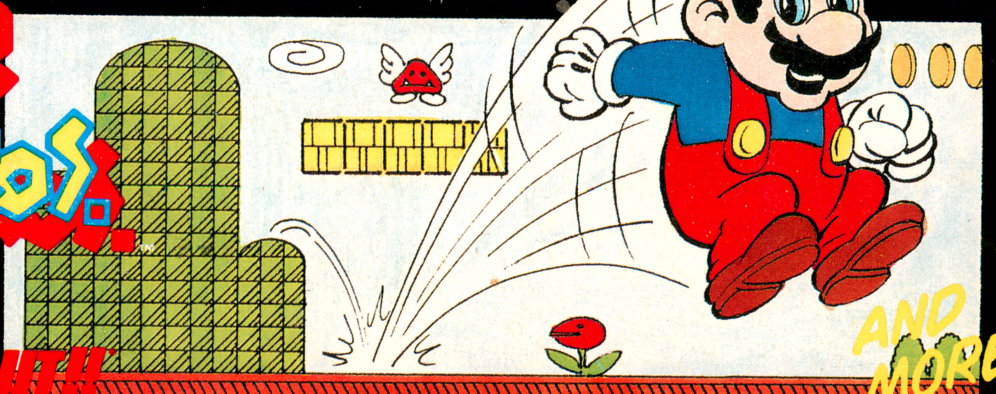

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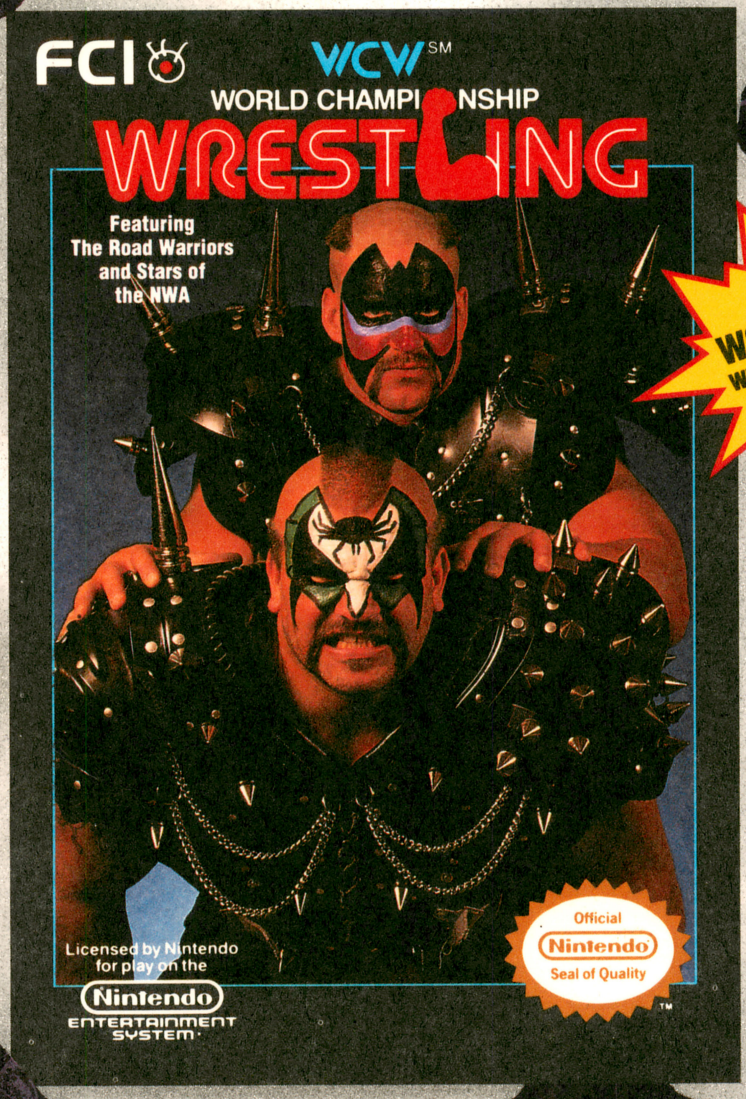

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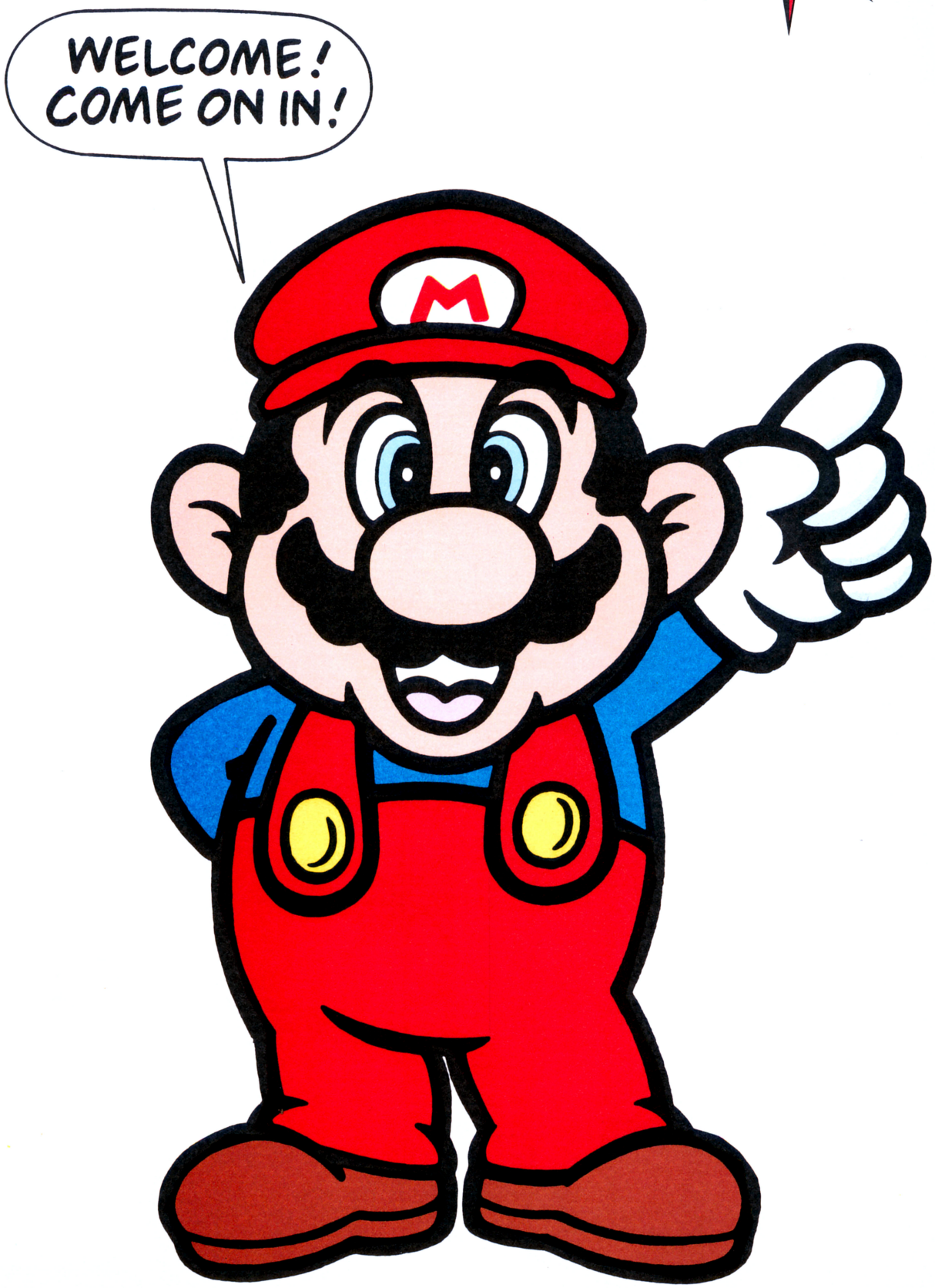

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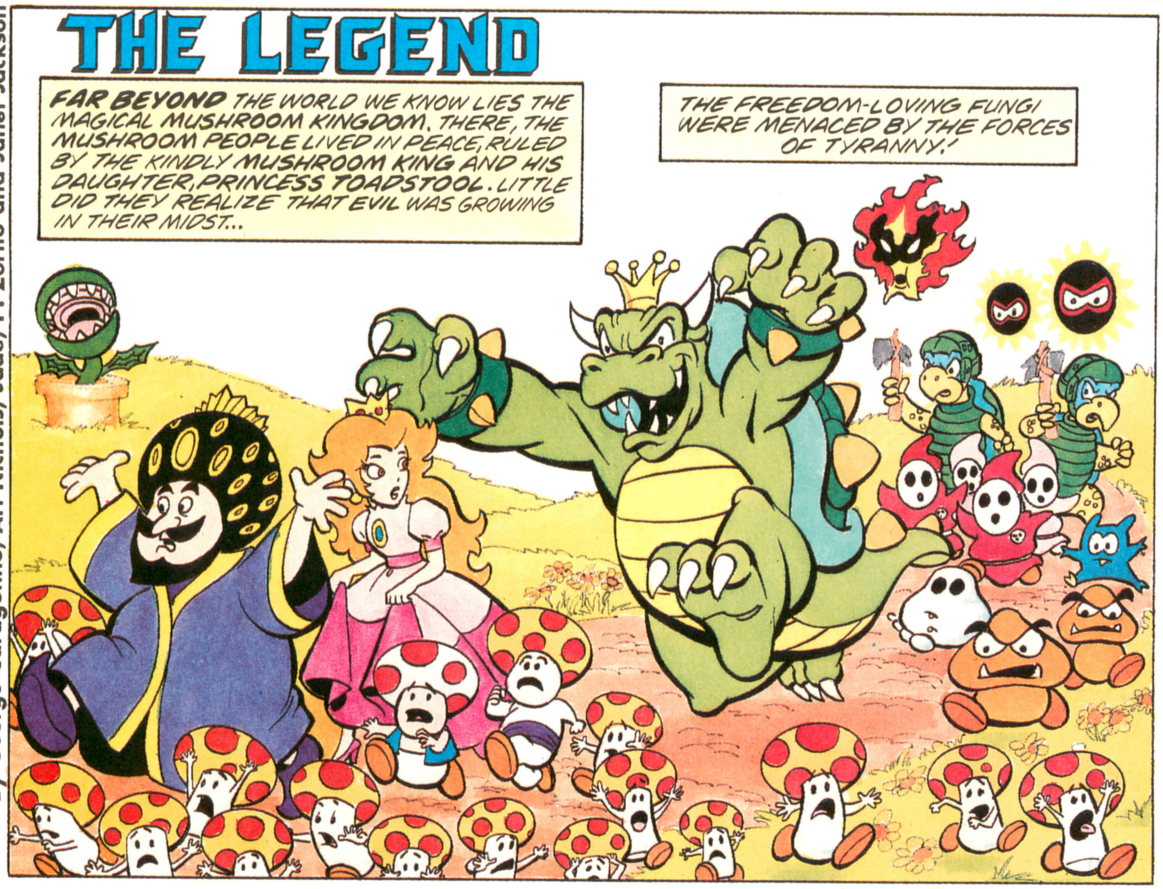
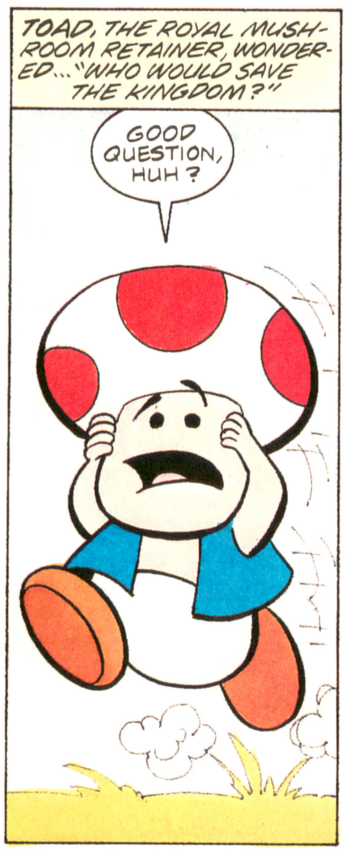
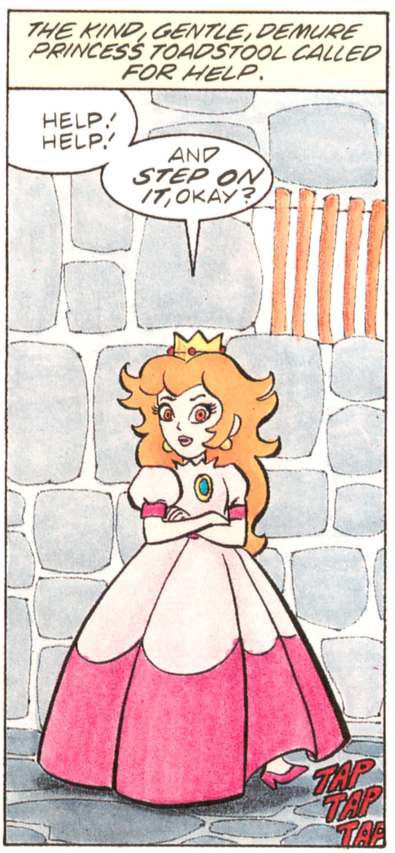
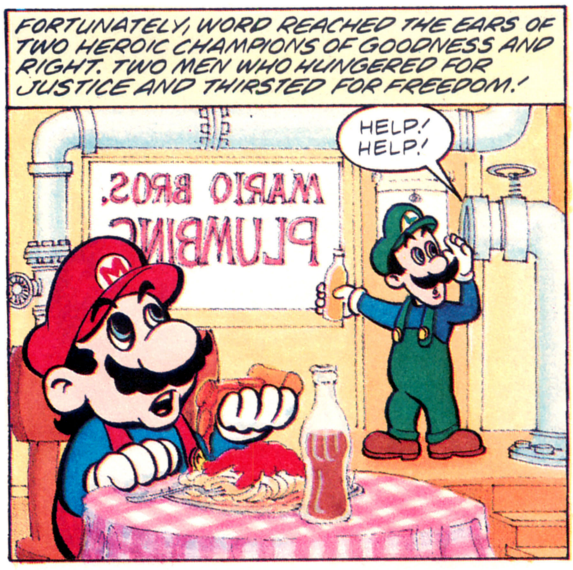
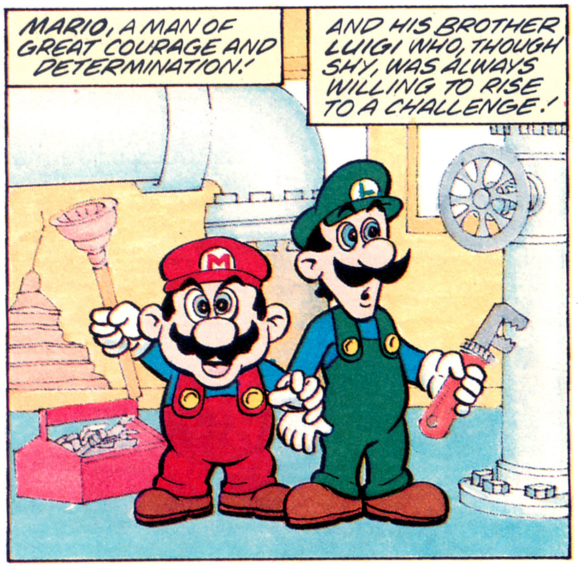
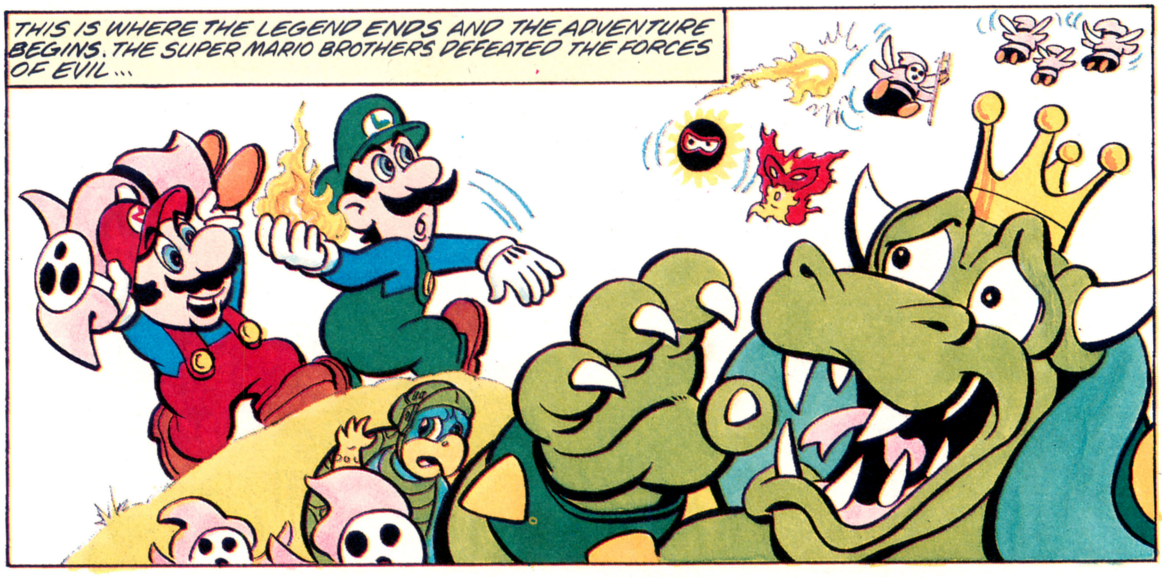


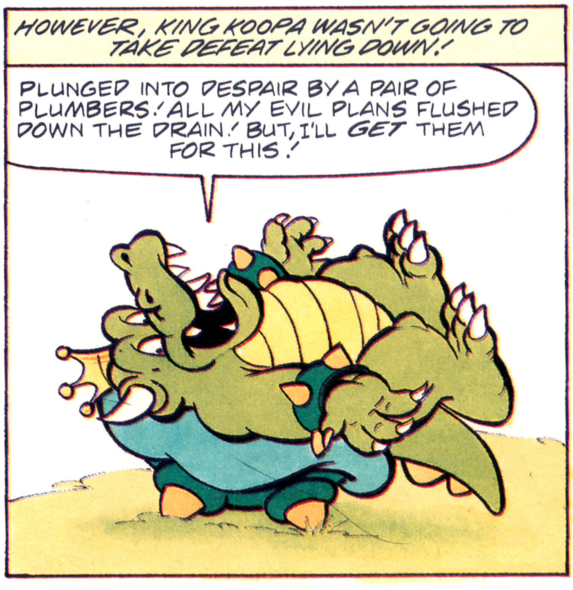


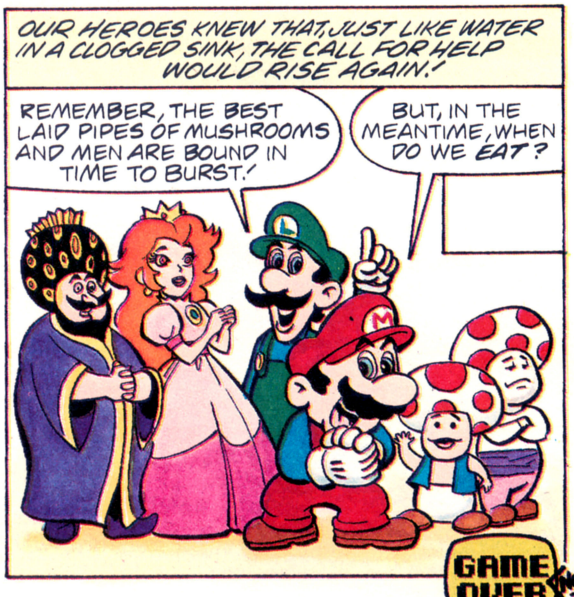



FORTUNATELY, WORD REACHED THE EARS OF TWO HEROIC CHAMPIONS OF GOODNESS AND RIGHT. TWO MEN WHO HUNGERED FOR JUSTICE AND THIRSTED FOR FREEDOM.!
HELP! HELP!
MARIO BROS. PLUMBING


MARIO, A MAN OF GREAT COURAGE AND DETERMINATION.!
AND HIS BROTHER LUIGI WHO, THOUGH SHY, WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO RISE TO A CHALLENGE.!


THIS IS WHERE THE LEGEND ENDS AND THE ADVENTURE BEGINS. THE SUPER MARIO BROTHERS DEFEATED THE FORCES OF EVIL...


HOWEVER, KING KOOPA WASN'T GOING TO TAKE DEFEAT LYING DOWN.!
PLUNGED INTO DESPAIR BY A PAIR OF PLUMBERS.! ALL MY EVIL PLANS FLUSHED DOWN THE DRAIN.! BUT, I'LL GET THEM FOR THIS.!


OUR HEROES KNEW THAT, JUST LIKE WATER IN A CLOGGED SINK, THE CALL FOR HELP WOULD RISE AGAIN.!
REMEMBER, THE BEST LAID PIPES OF MUSHROOMS AND MEN ARE BOUND IN TIME TO BURST.!
BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, WHEN DO WE EAT?
GAME OVER

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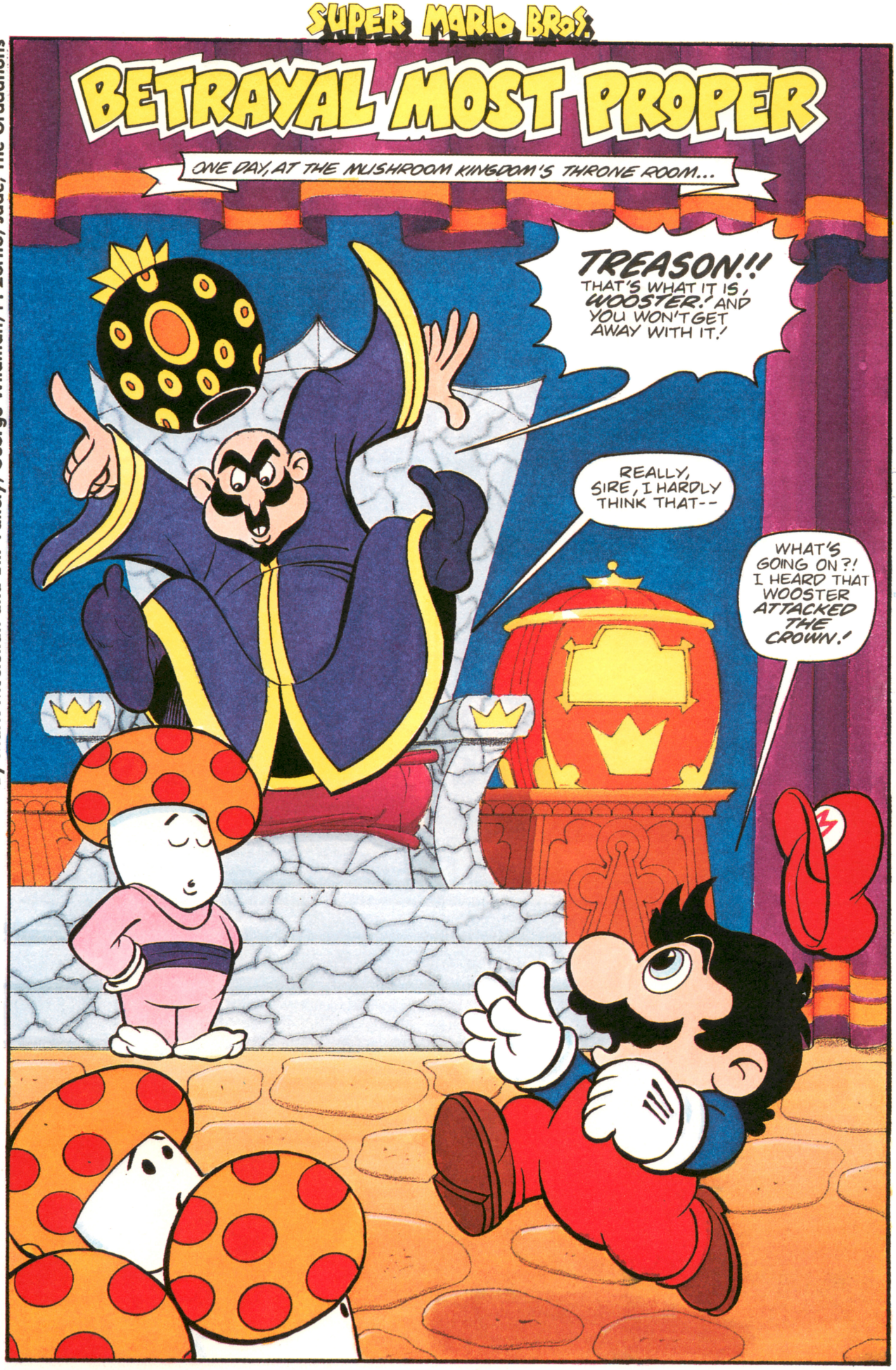
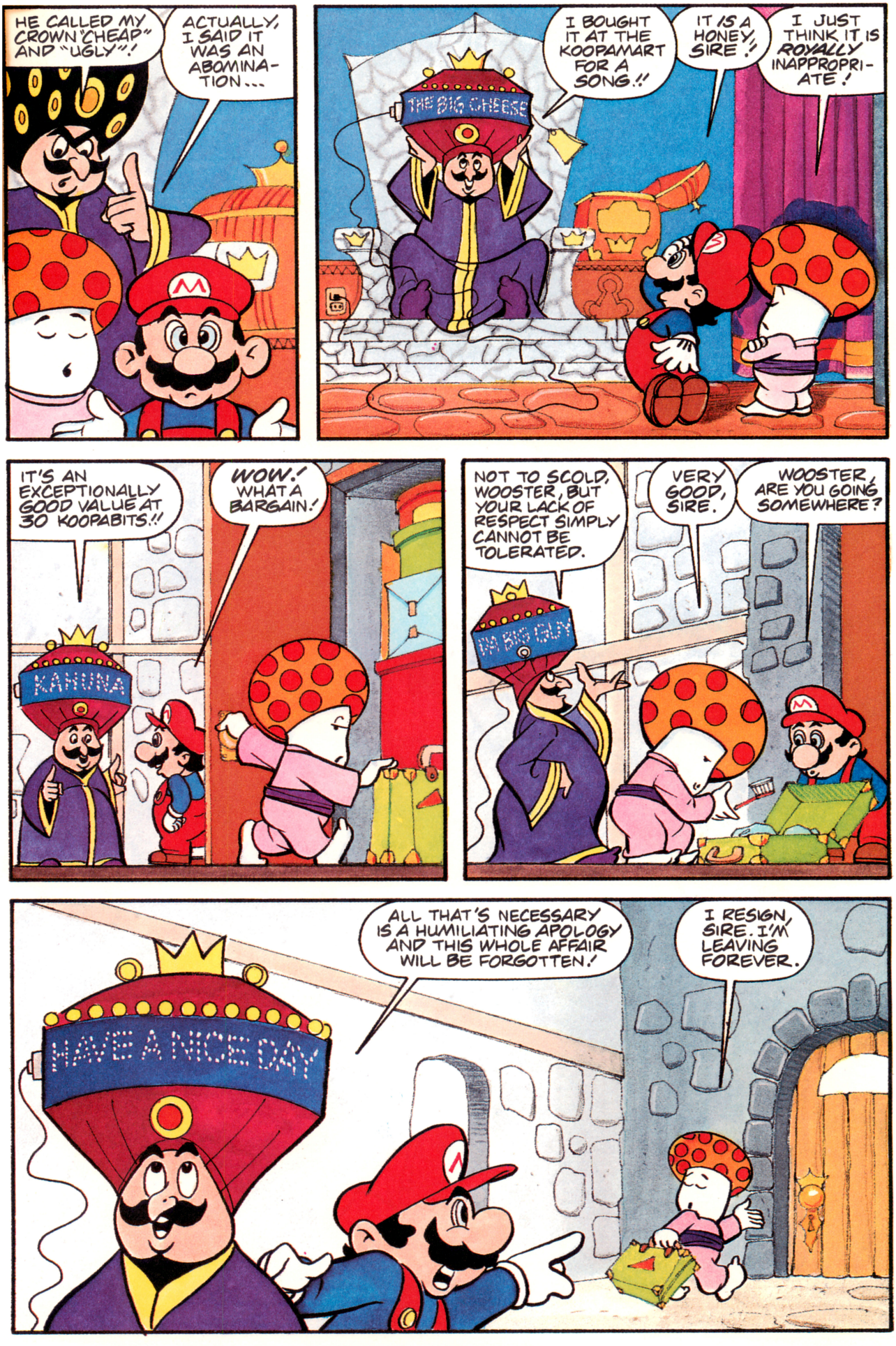
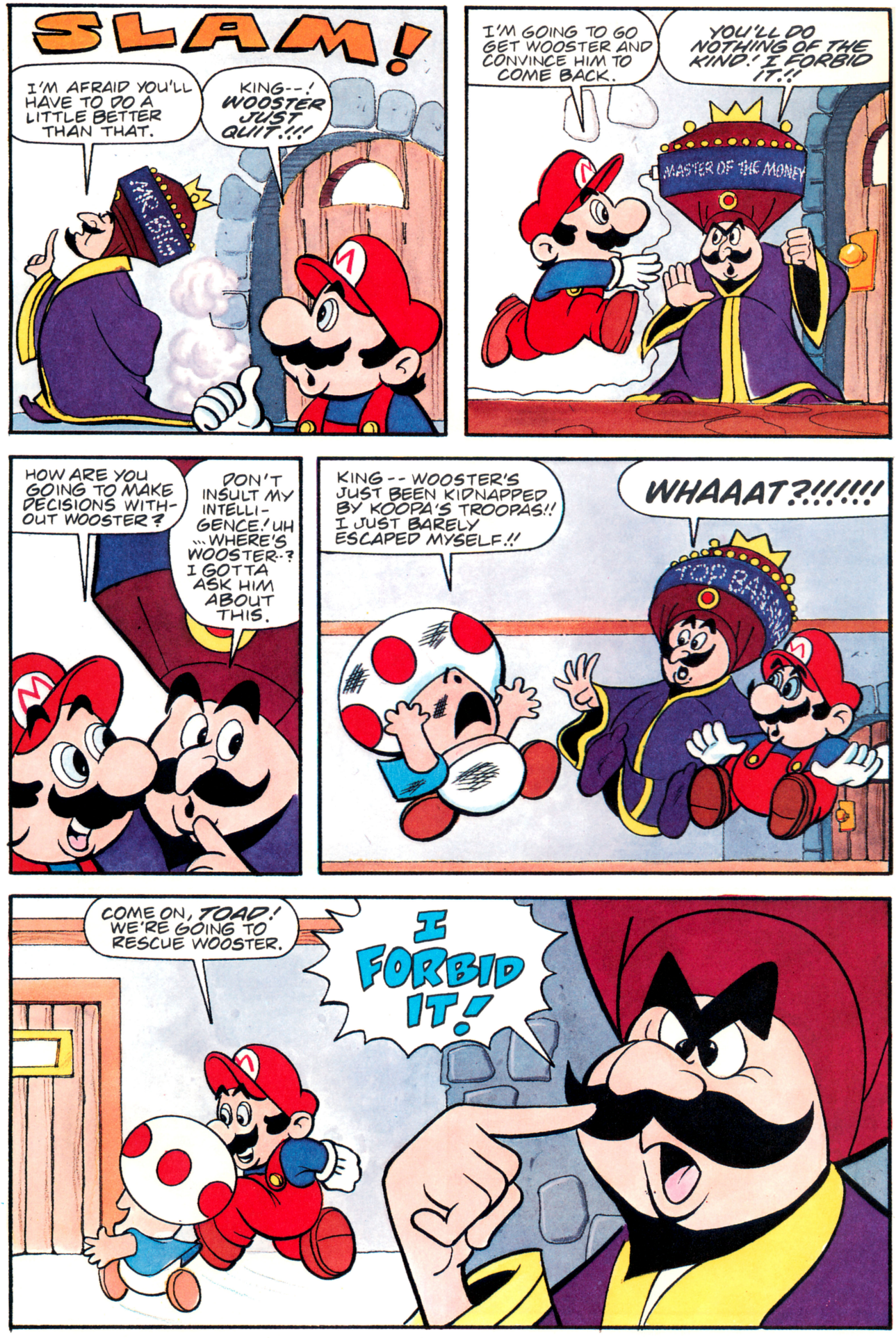
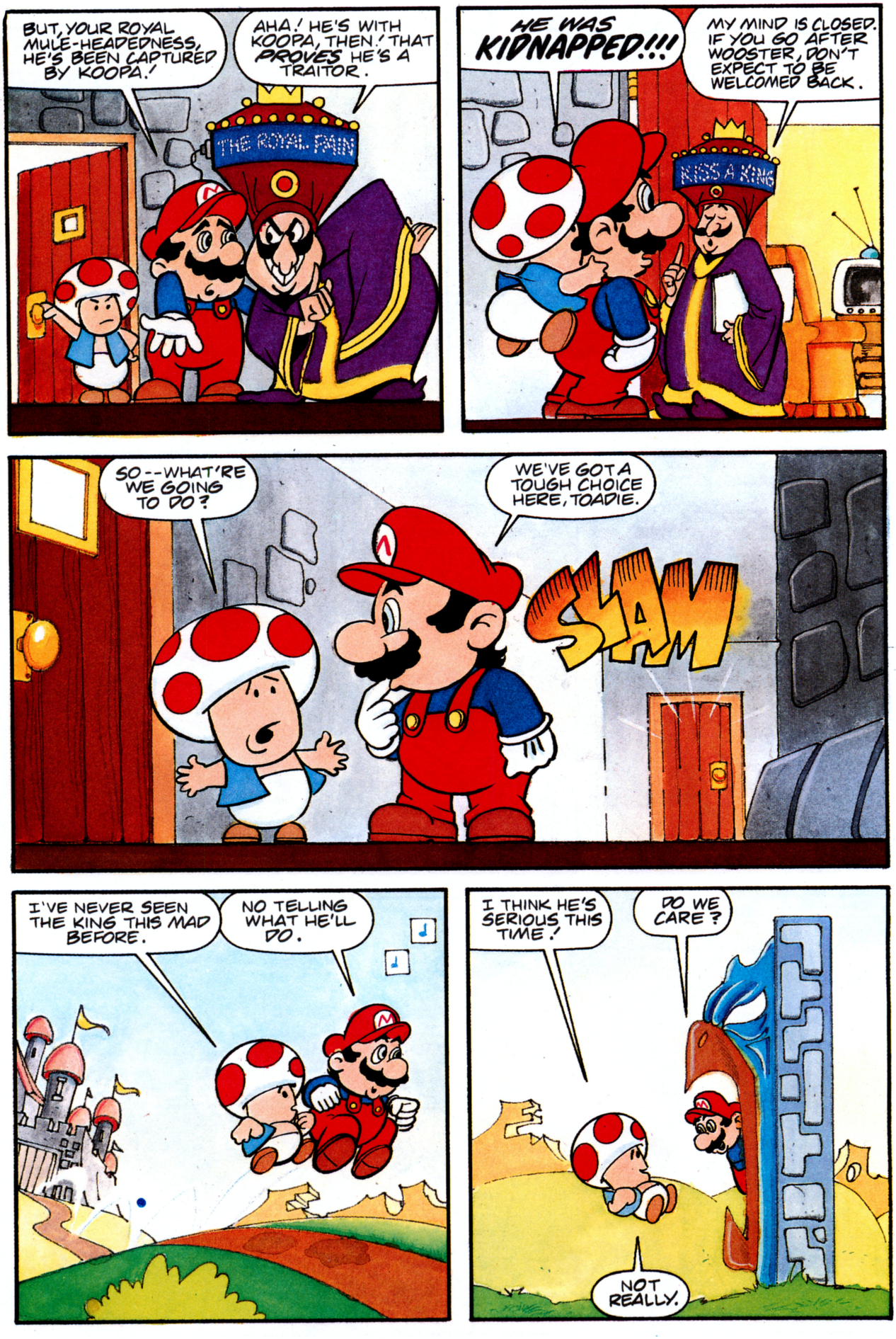
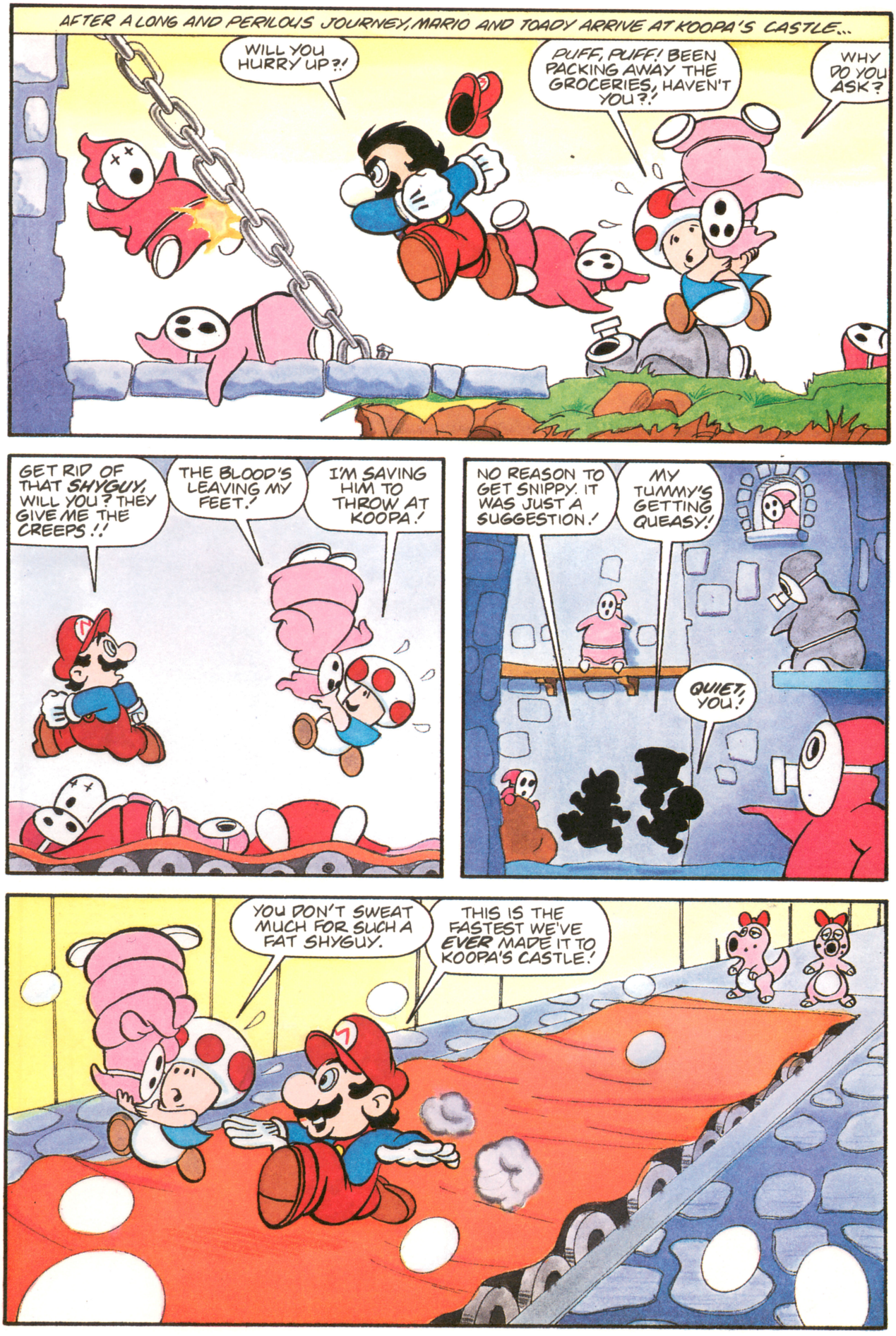
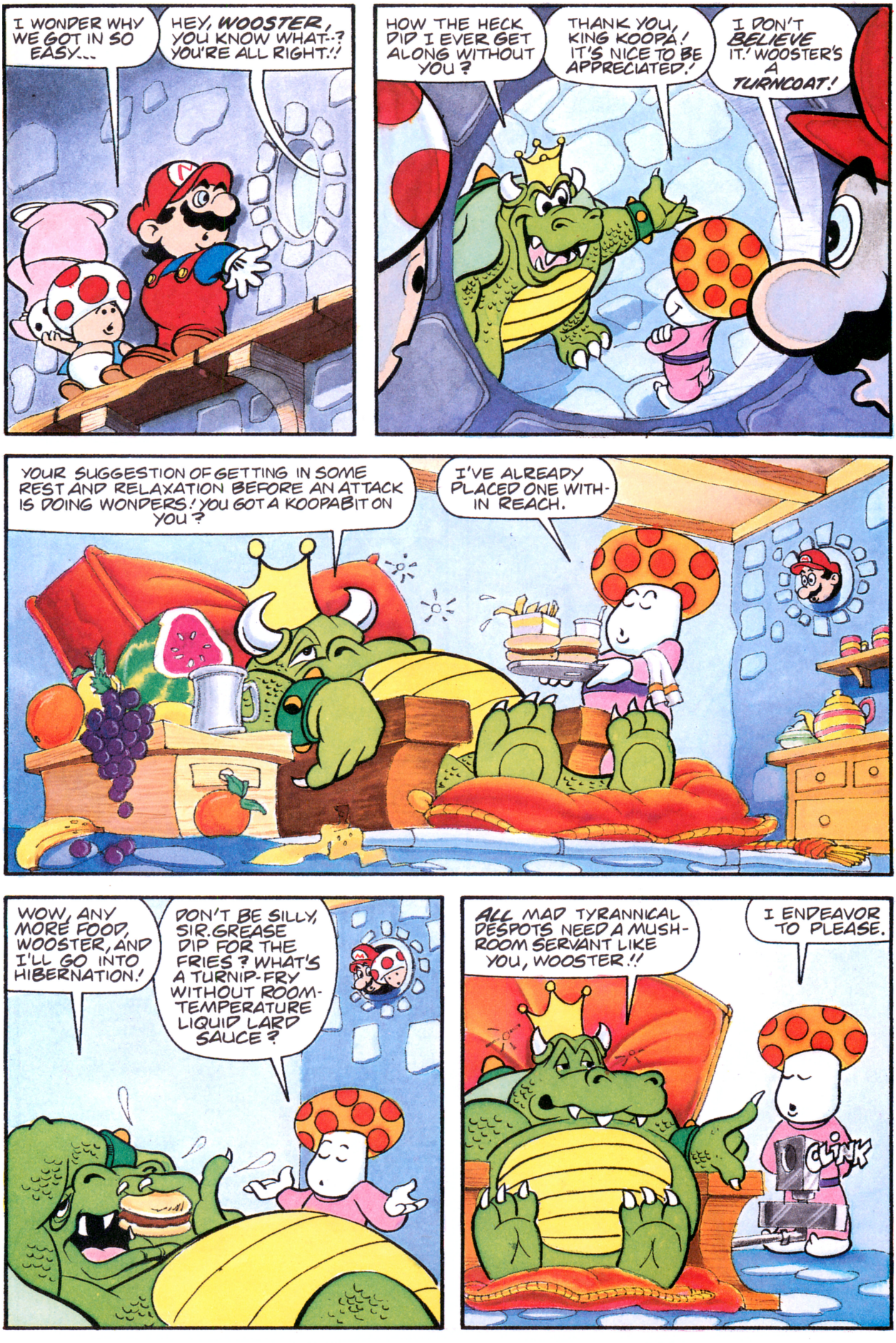


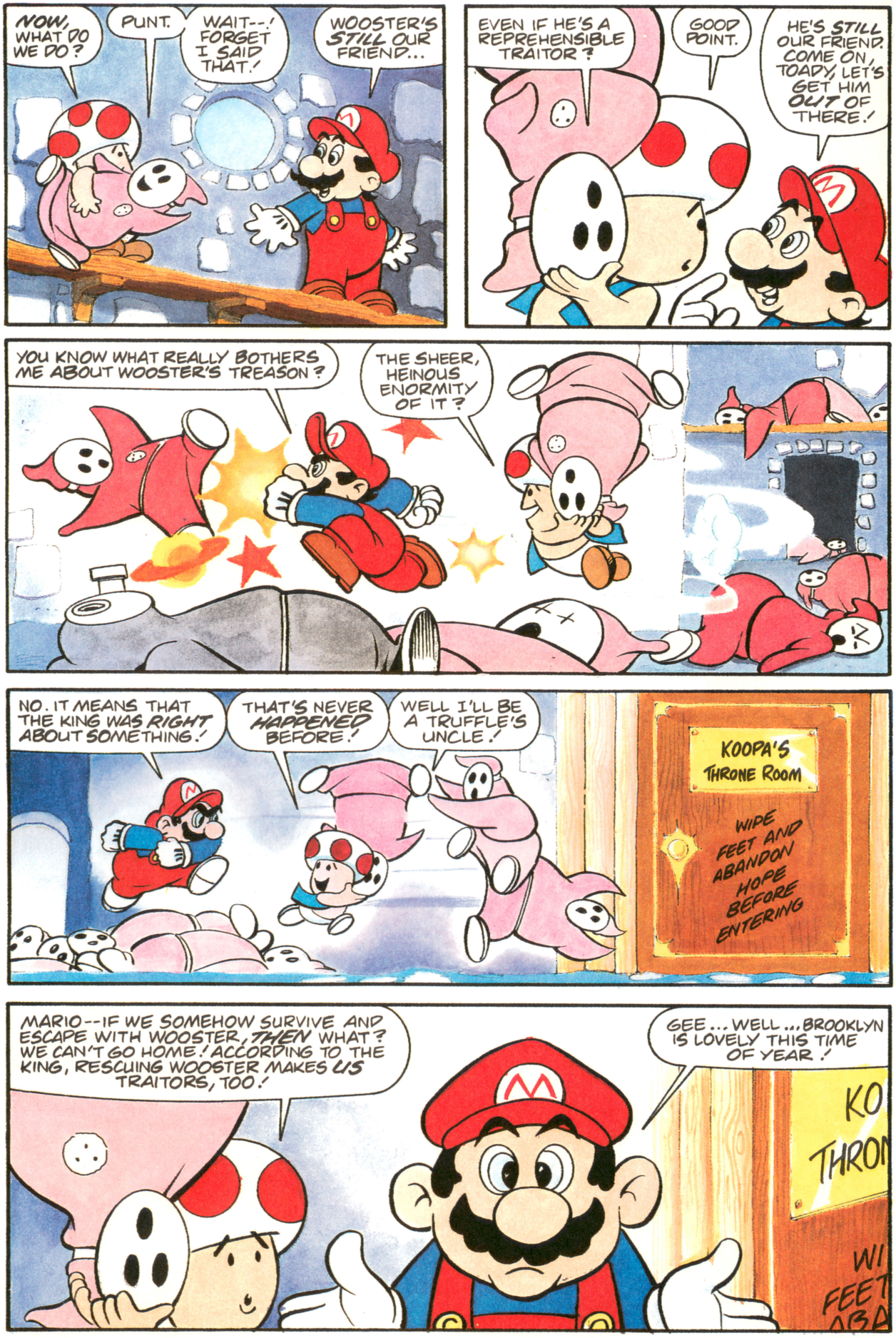

HE CALLED MY CROWN "CHEAP" AND "UGLY"!
ACTUALLY, I SAID IT WAS AN ABOMINATION...
THE BIG CHEESE
I BOUGHT IT AT THE KOOPAMART FOR A SONG!!
IT IS A HONEY, SIRE!
I JUST THINK IT IS ROYALLY INAPPROPRIATE!
IT'S AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD VALUE AT 30 KOOPABITS!!
WOW! WHAT A BARGAIN!
KAHUNA
NOT TO SCOLD, WOOSTER, BUT YOUR LACK OF RESPECT SIMPLY CANNOT BE TOLERATED.
VERY GOOD, SIRE.
WOOSTER, ARE YOU GOING SOMEWHERE?
I'M BIG GUY
ALL THAT'S NECESSARY IS A HUMILIATING APOLOGY AND THIS WHOLE AFFAIR WILL BE FORGOTTEN!
I RESIGN, SIRE. I'M LEAVING FOREVER.
HAVE A NICE DAY

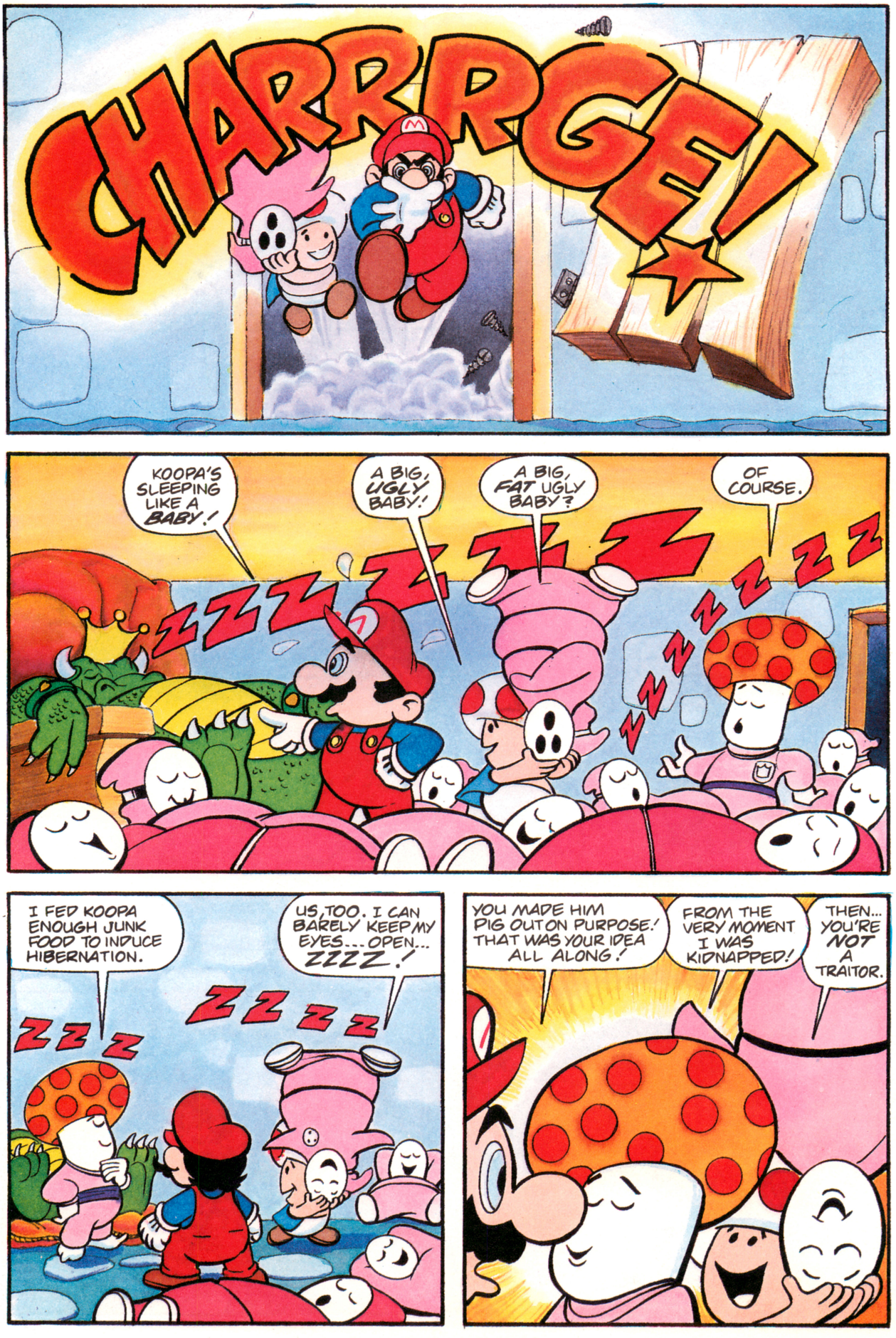

SLAM!
I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO DO A LITTLE BETTER THAN THAT.
KING--! WOOSTER JUST QUIT.!!!
I'M GOING TO GO GET WOOSTER AND CONVINCE HIM TO COME BACK.
YOU'LL DO NOTHING OF THE KIND.! I FORBID IT.!!
MASTER OF THE MONEY
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE DECISIONS WITHOUT WOOSTER?
DON'T INSULT MY INTELLIGENCE.! UH ... WHERE'S WOOSTER..? I GOTTA ASK HIM ABOUT THIS.
KING -- WOOSTER'S JUST BEEN KIDNAPPED BY KOOPA'S TROOPAS!! I JUST BARELY ESCAPED MYSELF.!!
WHAAAT?!!!!!!
TOP BANANA
COME ON, TOAD! WE'RE GOING TO RESCUE WOOSTER.
I FORBID IT!

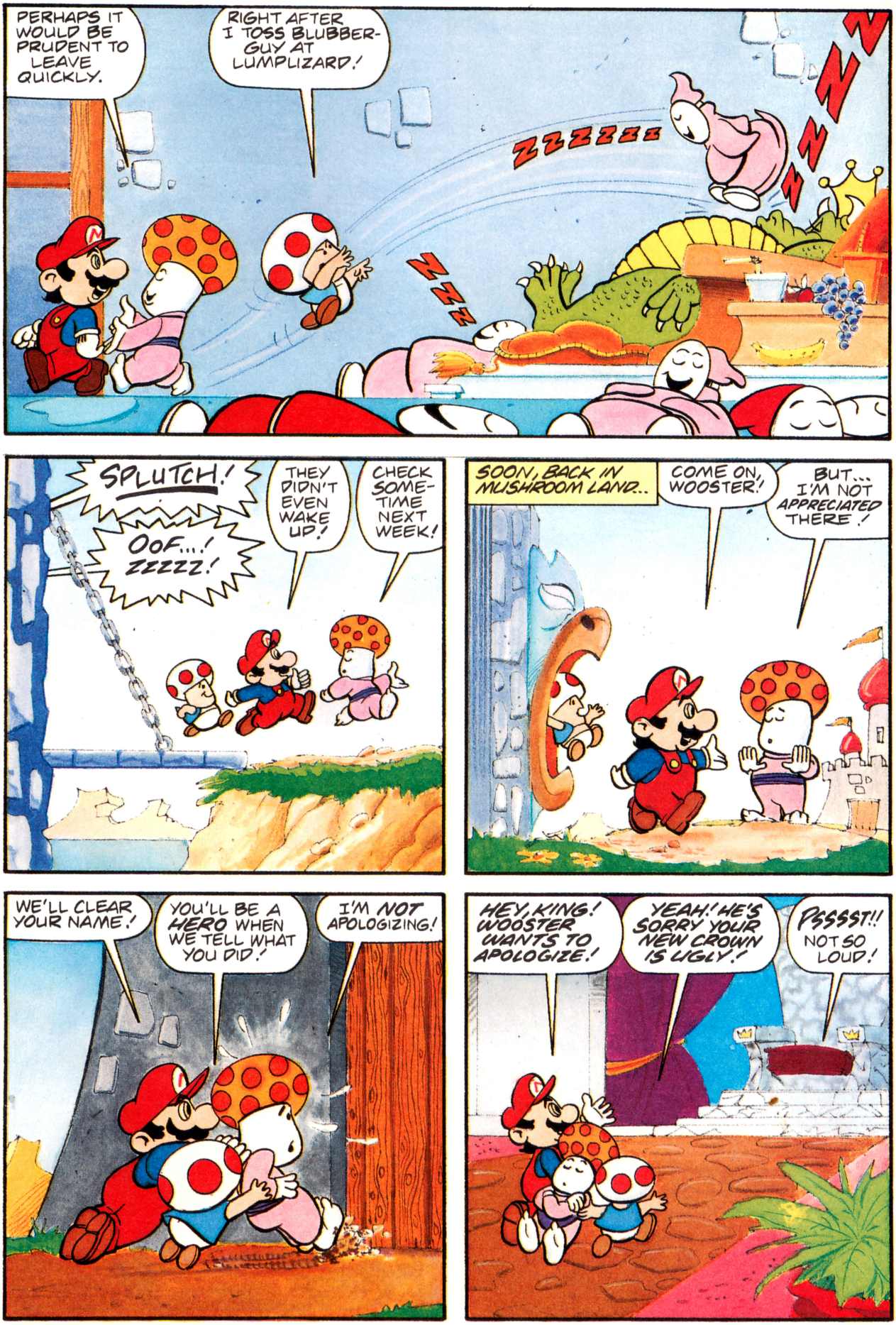

BUT, YOUR ROYAL MULE-HEADEDNESS, HE'S BEEN CAPTURED BY KOOPA!
AHA! HE'S WITH KOOPA, THEN! THAT PROVES HE'S A TRAITOR.
THE ROYAL PAIN
HE WAS KIDNAPPED!!!
MY MIND IS CLOSED. IF YOU GO AFTER WOOSTER, DON'T EXPECT TO BE WELCOMED BACK.
KISS A KING
SO--WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO?
WE'VE GOT A TOUGH CHOICE HERE, TOADIE.
SLAM
I'VE NEVER SEEN THE KING THIS MAD BEFORE.
NO TELLING WHAT HE'LL DO.
I THINK HE'S SERIOUS THIS TIME!
DO WE CARE?
NOT REALLY.

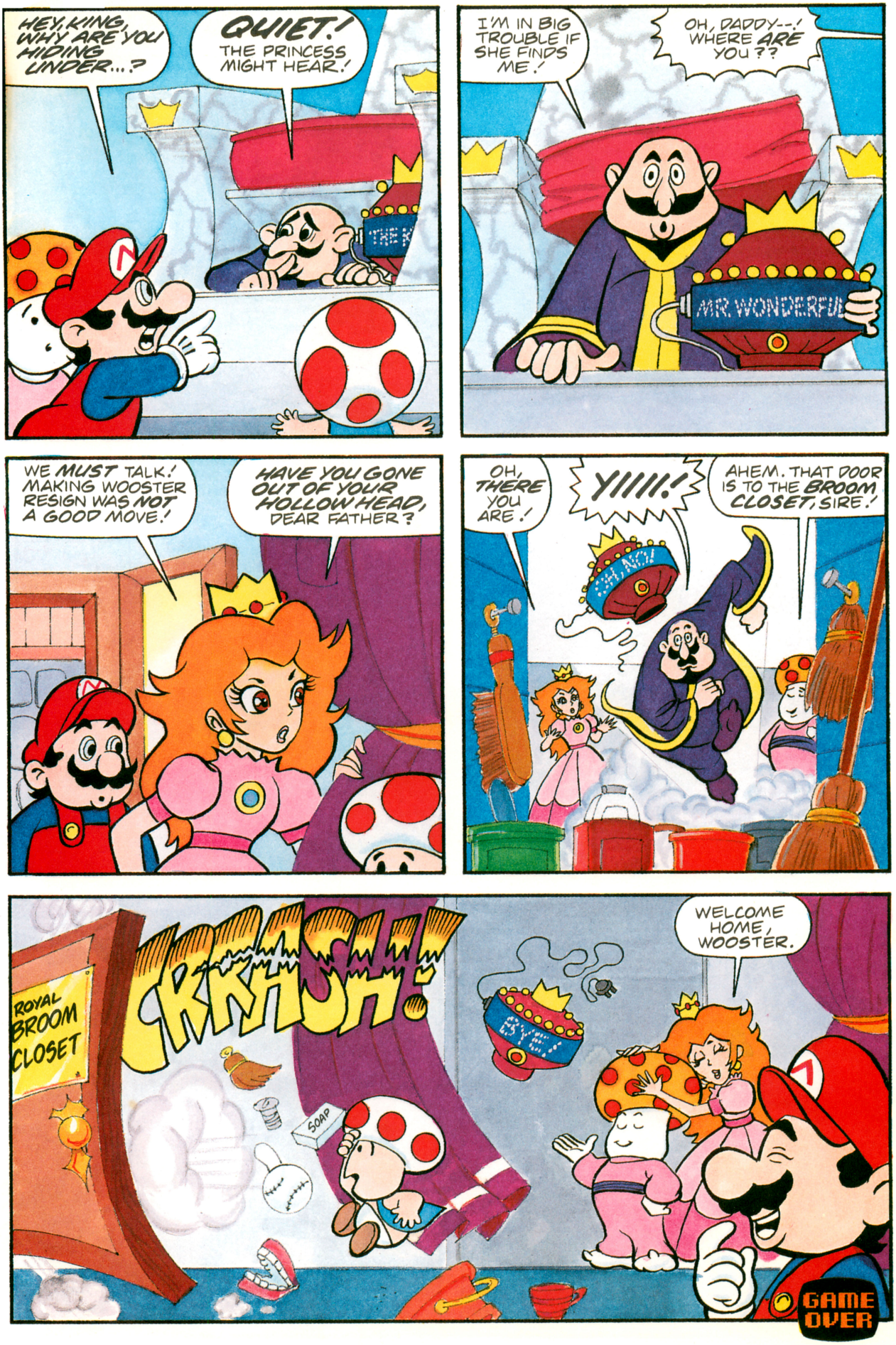

AFTER A LONG AND PERILOUS JOURNEY, MARIO AND TOADY ARRIVE AT KOOPA'S CASTLE...
WILL YOU HURRY UP?!
PUFF, PUFF! BEEN PACKING AWAY THE GROCERIES, HAVEN'T YOU?!
WHY DO YOU ASK?
GET RID OF THAT SHYGUY, WILL YOU? THEY GIVE ME THE CREEPS!!
THE BLOOD'S LEAVING MY FEET!
I'M SAVING HIM TO THROW AT KOOPA!
NO REASON TO GET SNIPPY. IT WAS JUST A SUGGESTION!
MY TUMMY'S GETTING QUEASY!
QUIET, YOU!
YOU DON'T SWEAT MUCH FOR SUCH A FAT SHYGUY.
THIS IS THE FASTEST WE'VE EVER MADE IT TO KOOPA'S CASTLE!


I WONDER WHY WE GOT IN SO EASY...
HEY, WOOSTER, YOU KNOW WHAT--? YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!!
HOW THE HECK DID I EVER GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU?
THANK YOU, KING KOOPA! IT'S NICE TO BE APPRECIATED!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WOOSTER'S A TURNCOAT!
YOUR SUGGESTION OF GETTING IN SOME REST AND RELAXATION BEFORE AN ATTACK IS DOING WONDERS! YOU GOT A KOOPABIT ON YOU?
I'VE ALREADY PLACED ONE WITHIN REACH.
WOW, ANY MORE FOOD, WOOSTER, AND I'LL GO INTO HIBERNATION!
DON'T BE SILLY, SIR. GREASE DIP FOR THE FRIES? WHAT'S A TURNIP-FRY WITHOUT ROOM-TEMPERATURE LIQUID LARD SAUCE?
ALL MAD TYRANNICAL DESPOTS NEED A MUSHROOM SERVANT LIKE YOU, WOOSTER!!
I ENDEAVOR TO PLEASE.
CLINK


NOW, WHAT DO WE DO?
PUNT.
WAIT--! FORGET I SAID THAT!
WOOSTER'S STILL OUR FRIEND...
EVEN IF HE'S A REPREHENSIBLE TRAITOR?
GOOD POINT.
HE'S STILL OUR FRIEND. COME ON, TOADY, LET'S GET HIM OUT OF THERE!
YOU KNOW WHAT REALLY BOTHERS ME ABOUT WOOSTER'S TREASON?
THE SHEER, HEINOUS ENORMITY OF IT?
NO. IT MEANS THAT THE KING WAS RIGHT ABOUT SOMETHING!
THAT'S NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE!
WELL I'LL BE A TRUFFLE'S UNCLE!
KOOPA'S THRONE ROOM
WIPE FEET AND ABANDON HOPE BEFORE ENTERING
MARIO--IF WE SOMEHOW SURVIVE AND ESCAPE WITH WOOSTER, THEN WHAT? WE CAN'T GO HOME! ACCORDING TO THE KING, RESCUING WOOSTER MAKES US TRAITORS, TOO!
GEE... WELL... BROOKLYN IS LOVELY THIS TIME OF YEAR!


CHARRRGE!
KOOPA'S SLEEPING LIKE A BABY!
A BIG, UGLY BABY!
A BIG, FAT UGLY BABY?
OF COURSE.
ZZZZ
ZZZZZZZZ
I FED KOOPA ENOUGH JUNK FOOD TO INDUCE HIBERNATION.
US, TOO. I CAN BARELY KEEP MY EYES... OPEN... ZZZZ!
ZZZ
ZZZZ
YOU MADE HIM PIG OUT ON PURPOSE! THAT WAS YOUR IDEA ALL ALONG!
FROM THE VERY MOMENT I WAS KIDNAPPED!
THEN... YOU'RE NOT A TRAITOR.


PERHAPS IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO LEAVE QUICKLY.
RIGHT AFTER I TOSS BLUBBER-GUY AT LUMPLIZARD!
ZZZZZZ
ZZZ
SPLUTCH!
OOF...! ZZZZZ!
THEY DIDN'T EVEN WAKE UP!
CHECK SOME-TIME NEXT WEEK!
SOON, BACK IN MUSHROOM LAND..
COME ON, WOOSTER!
BUT... I'M NOT APPRECIATED THERE!
WE'LL CLEAR YOUR NAME!
YOU'LL BE A HERO WHEN WE TELL WHAT YOU DID!
I'M NOT APOLOGIZING!
HEY, KING! WOOSTER WANTS TO APOLOGIZE!
YEAH! HE'S SORRY YOUR NEW CROWN IS UGLY!
PSSSST!! NOT SO LOUD!


HEY, KING, WHY ARE YOU HIDING UNDER...?
QUIET! THE PRINCESS MIGHT HEAR!
I'M IN BIG TROUBLE IF SHE FINDS ME!
OH, DADDY--! WHERE ARE YOU??
MR. WONDERFUL
WE MUST TALK! MAKING WOOSTER RESIGN WAS NOT A GOOD MOVE!
HAVE YOU GONE OUT OF YOUR HOLLOW HEAD, DEAR FATHER?
OH, THERE YOU ARE!
YIIII!
AHEM. THAT DOOR IS TO THE BROOM CLOSET, SIRE!
ROYAL BROOM CLOSET
KRASH!
SOAP
WELCOME HOME, WOOSTER.
GAME OVER

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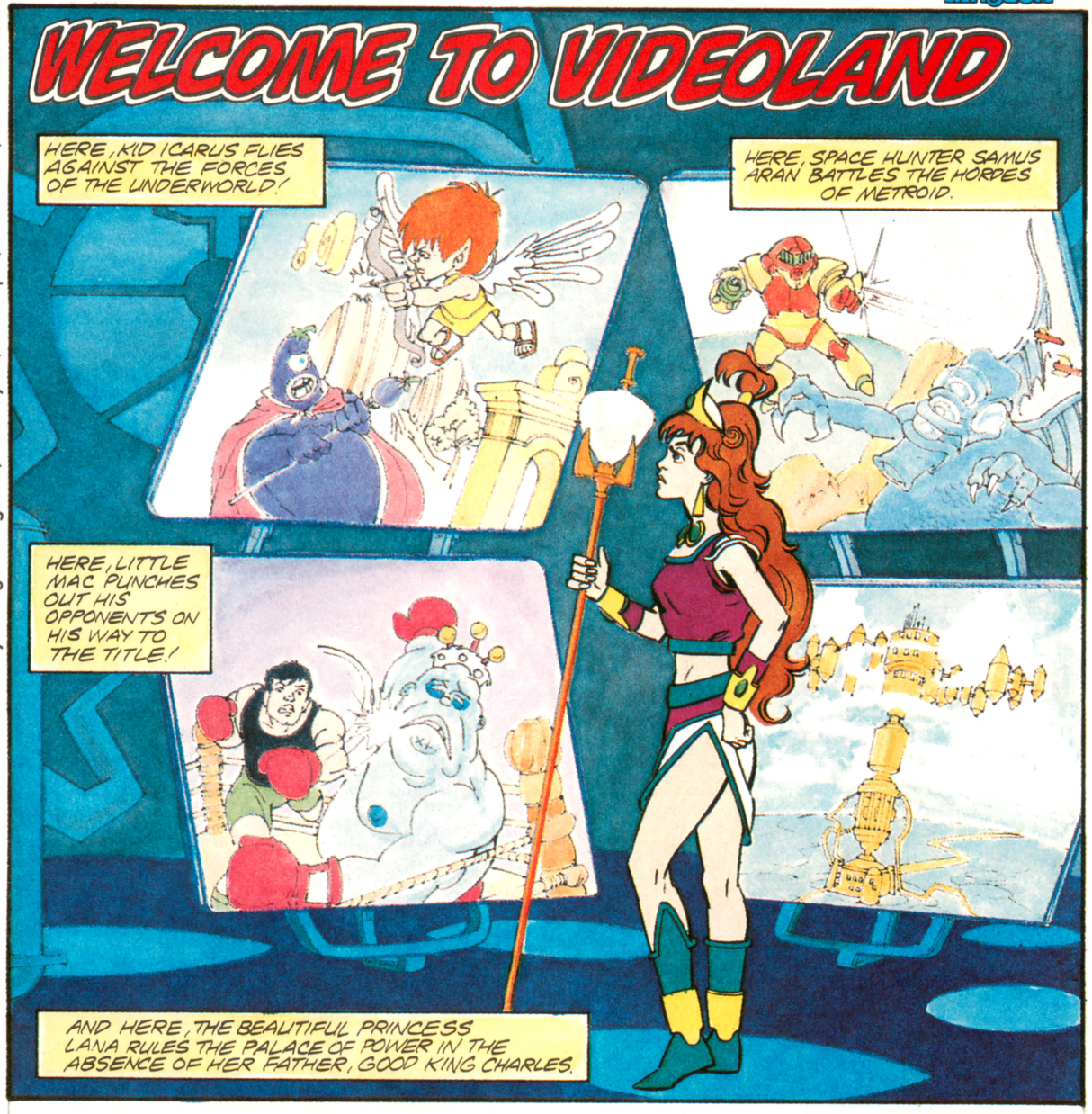
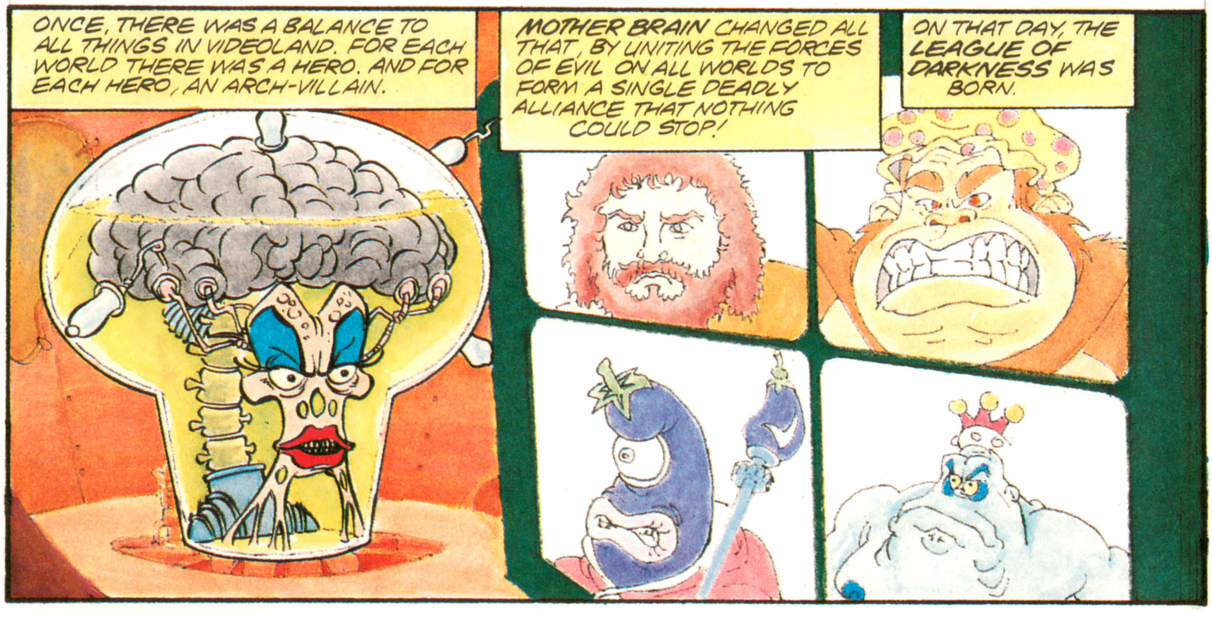
WELCOME TO VIDEOLAND





MOTHER BRAIN HAD TIPPED THE BALANCE OF POWER. A CHAMPION WAS NEEDED TO UNITE THE FORCES OF LIGHT! THE ULTIMATE WARP ZONE FOUND HIM...
...IN NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA.
KEVIN KEENE THE HOTTEST NINTENDO POWER PLAYER ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH!
KEVIN ALONE HAD THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE VIDEO GAME WORLD NEEDED TO DEFEAT MOTHER BRAIN. KEVIN WOULD NO LONGER BE JUST ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL KID. HE WAS NOW...
Captain N
THE GAME MASTER
WELCOME TO VIDEOLAND, KEVIN. WHERE THE GAMES ARE REAL AND THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE IS IN YOUR HANDS.
NOW YOU'RE PLAYING WITH POWER!

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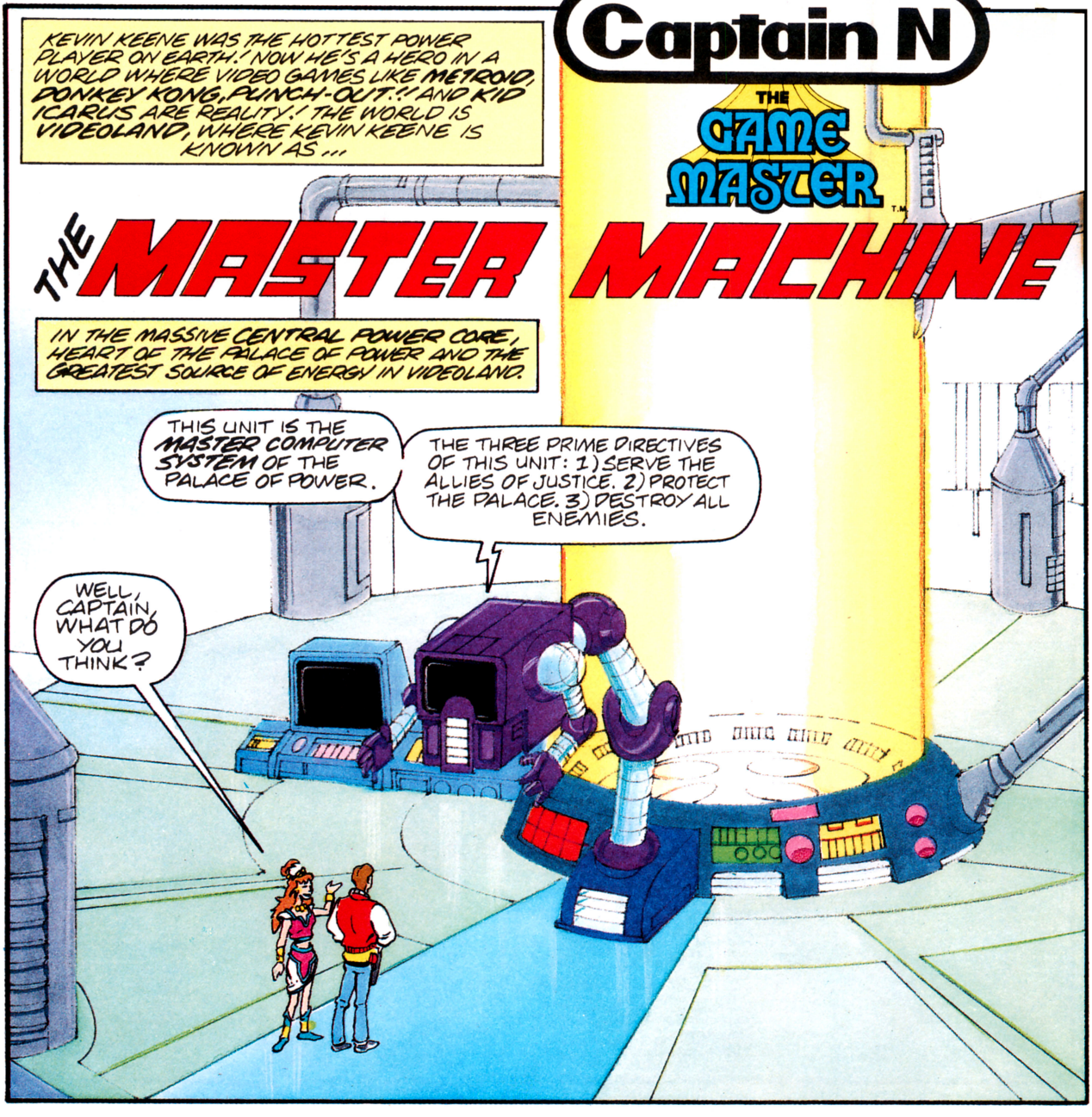
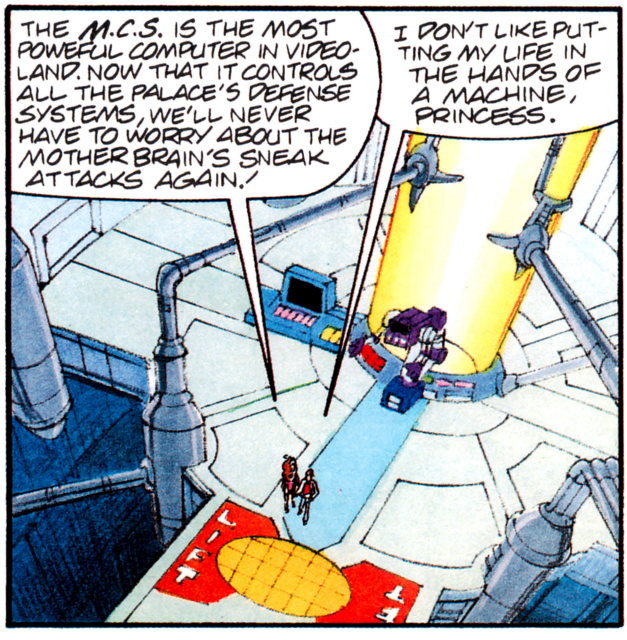
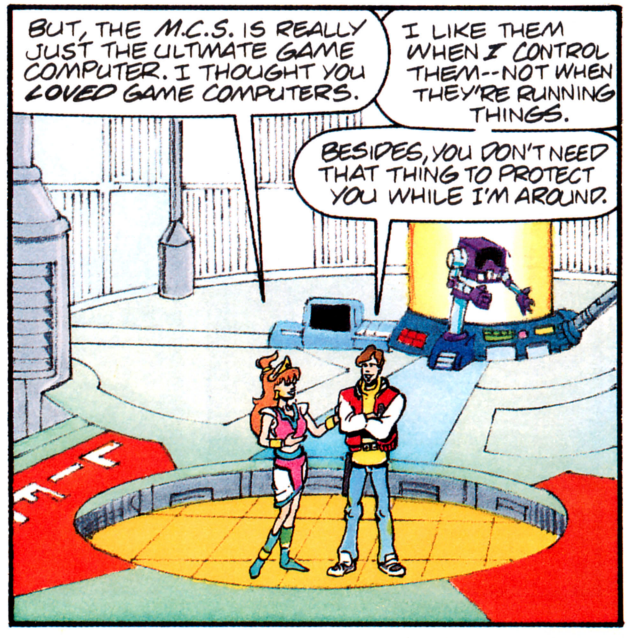
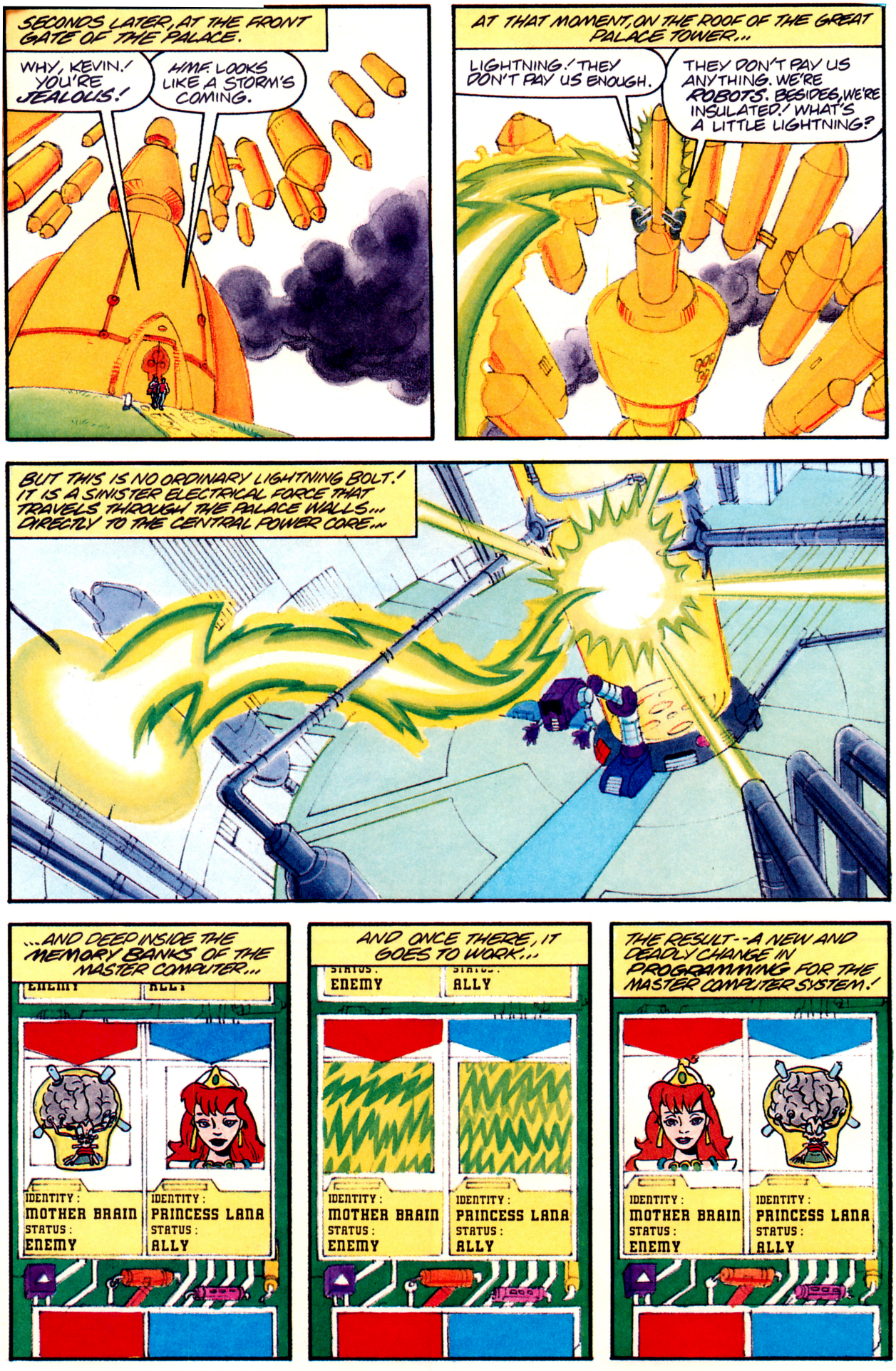
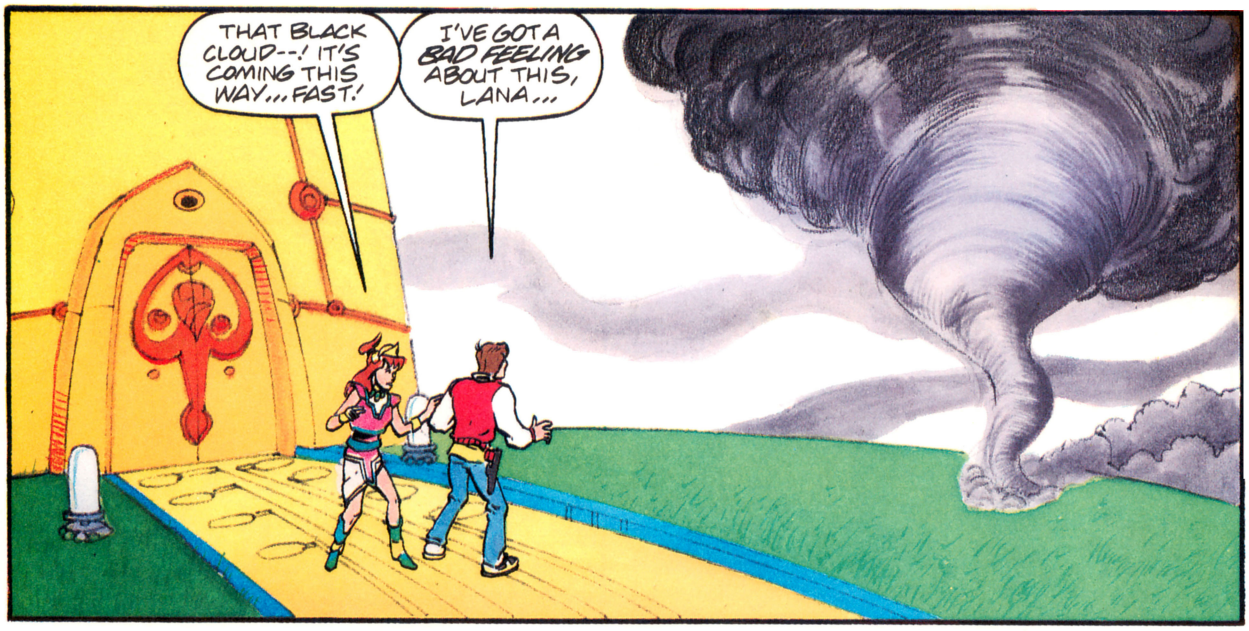
THE MASTER MACHINE

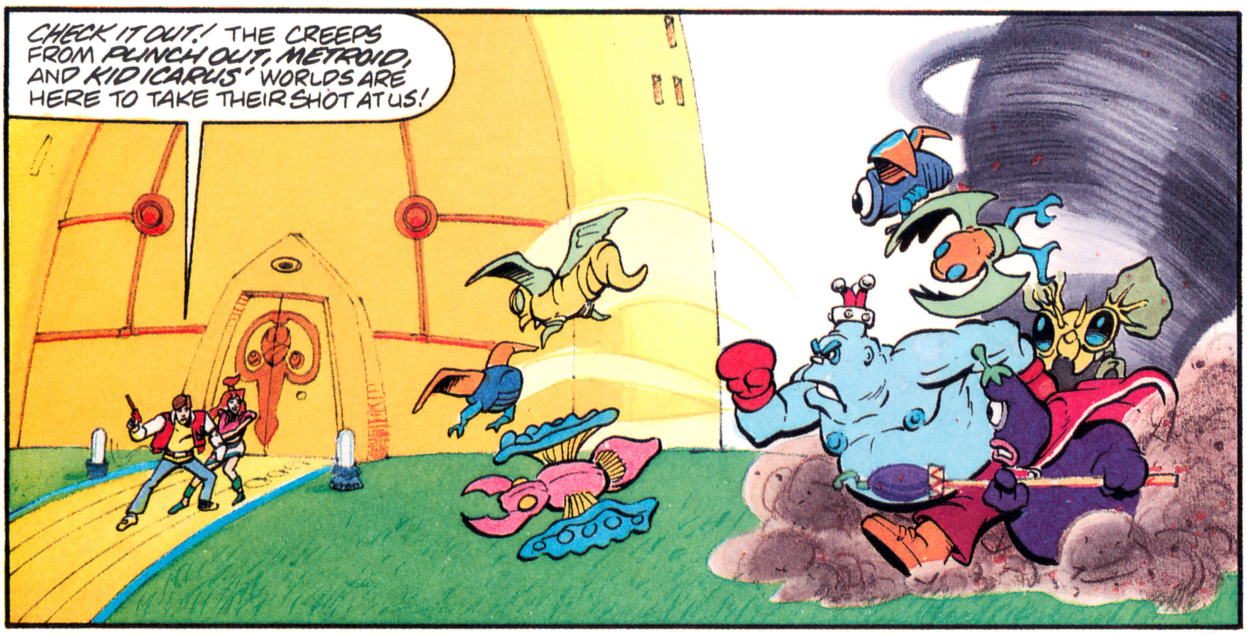


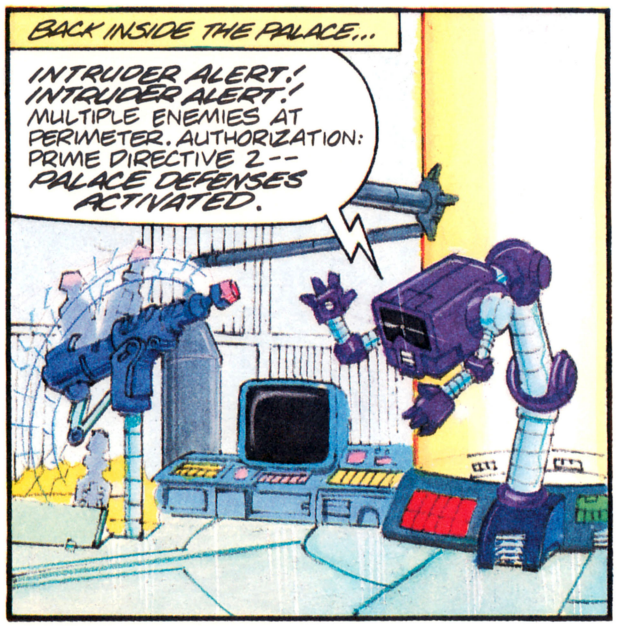


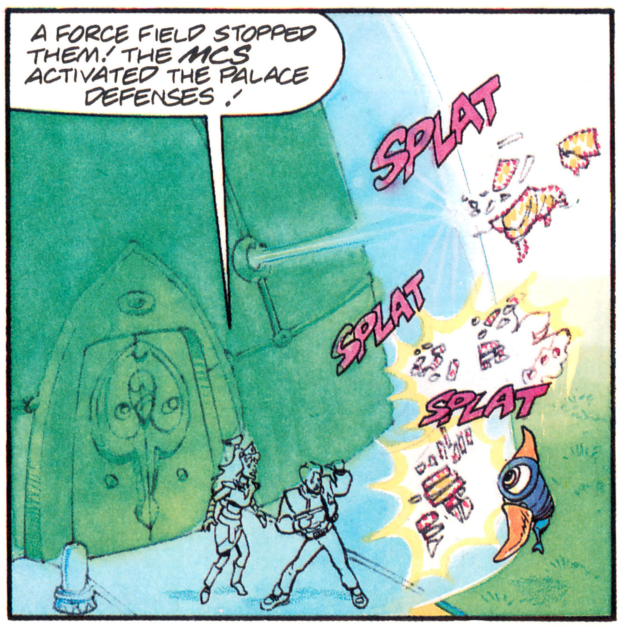



SECONDS LATER, AT THE FRONT GATE OF THE PALACE.
WHY, KEVIN.! YOU'RE JEALOUS.!
HMM. LOOKS LIKE A STORM'S COMING.
AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE ROOF OF THE GREAT PALACE TOWER...
LIGHTNING.! THEY DON'T PAY US ENOUGH.
THEY DON'T PAY US ANYTHING. WE'RE ROBOTS. BESIDES, WE'RE INSULATED.! WHAT'S A LITTLE LIGHTNING?
BUT THIS IS NO ORDINARY LIGHTNING BOLT.! IT IS A SINISTER ELECTRICAL FORCE THAT TRAVELS THROUGH THE PALACE WALLS... DIRECTLY TO THE CENTRAL POWER CORE...
...AND DEEP INSIDE THE MEMORY BANKS OF THE MASTER COMPUTER...
IDENTITY: MOTHER BRAIN
STATUS: ENEMY
IDENTITY: PRINCESS LANA
STATUS: ALLY
AND ONCE THERE, IT GOES TO WORK...
STATUS: ENEMY
STATUS: ALLY
IDENTITY: MOTHER BRAIN
STATUS: ENEMY
IDENTITY: PRINCESS LANA
STATUS: ALLY
THE RESULT--A NEW AND DEADLY CHANGE IN PROGRAMMING FOR THE MASTER COMPUTER SYSTEM.!
IDENTITY: MOTHER BRAIN
STATUS: ENEMY
IDENTITY: PRINCESS LANA
STATUS: ALLY


THAT BLACK CLOUD--! IT'S COMING THIS WAY... FAST!
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS, LANA...


CHECK IT OUT! THE CREEPS FROM PUNCH OUT, METROID, AND KID ICARUS' WORLDS ARE HERE TO TAKE THEIR SHOT AT US!


BACK INSIDE THE PALACE...
INTRUDER ALERT! INTRUDER ALERT! MULTIPLE ENEMIES AT PERIMETER. AUTHORIZATION: PRIME DIRECTIVE 2-- PALACE DEFENSES ACTIVATED.


A FORCE FIELD STOPPED THEM! THE MCS ACTIVATED THE PALACE DEFENSES!
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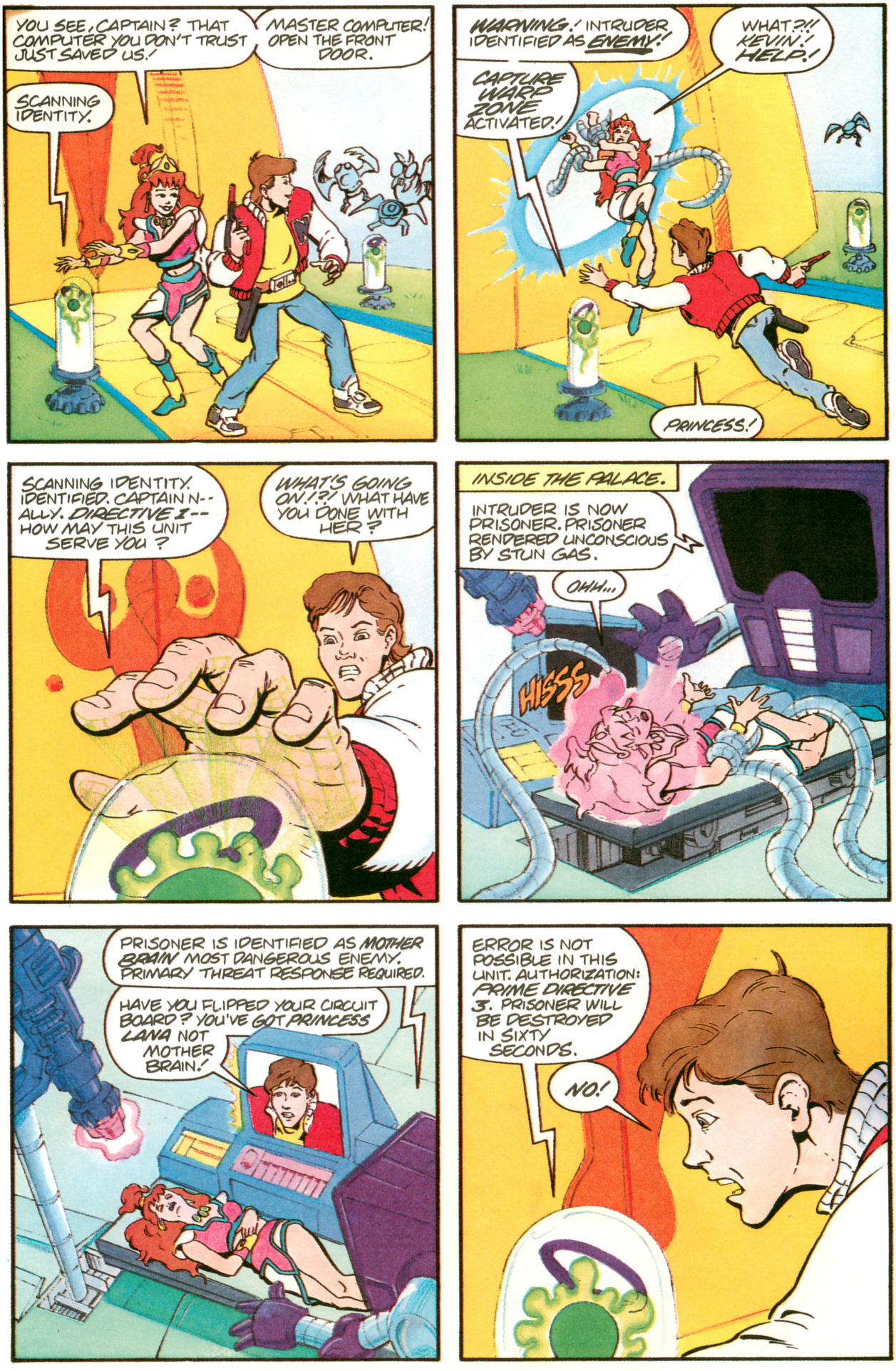
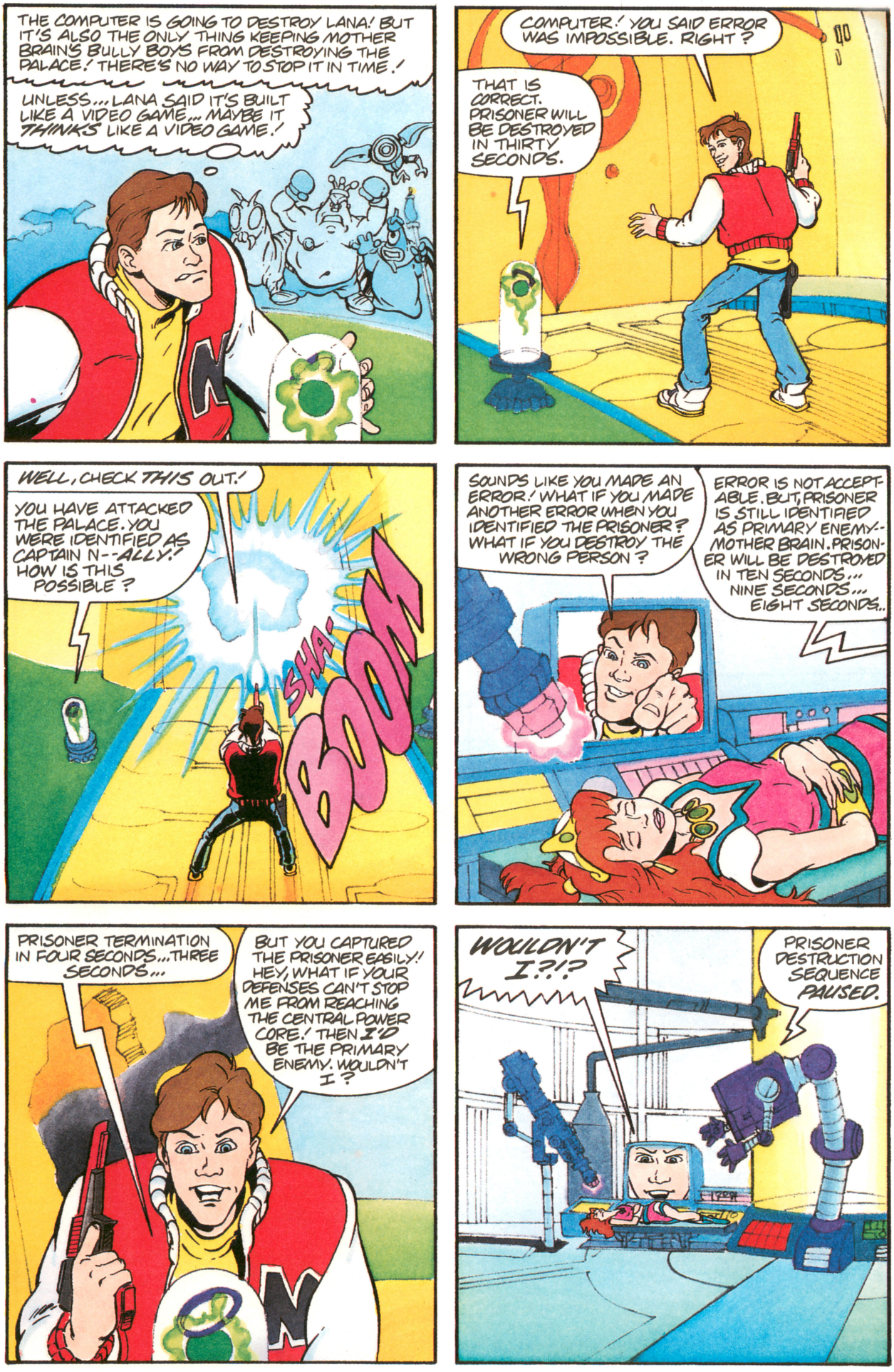
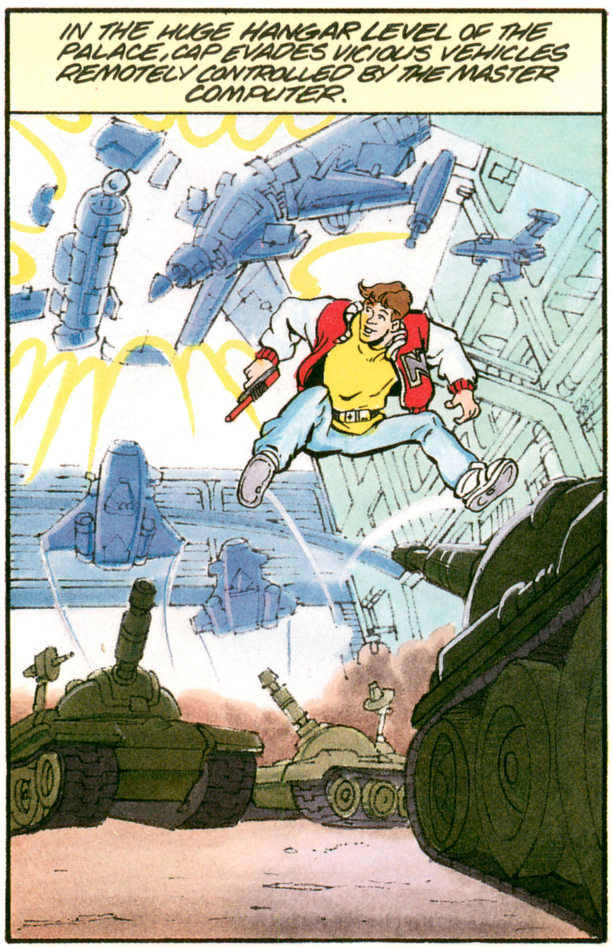

YOU SEE, CAPTAIN? THAT COMPUTER YOU DON'T TRUST JUST SAVED US!
MASTER COMPUTER! OPEN THE FRONT DOOR.
SCANNING IDENTITY.
WARNING! INTRUDER IDENTIFIED AS ENEMY!
WHAT?!! KEVIN! HELP!
CAPTURE WARP ZONE ACTIVATED!
PRINCESS!
SCANNING IDENTITY. IDENTIFIED. CAPTAIN N-- ALLY. DIRECTIVE 1-- HOW MAY THIS UNIT SERVE YOU?
WHAT'S GOING ON!?! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH HER?
INSIDE THE PALACE.
INTRUDER IS NOW PRISONER. PRISONER RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS BY STUN GAS.
OHH...
HISSS
PRISONER IS IDENTIFIED AS MOTHER BRAIN MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY. PRIMARY THREAT RESPONSE REQUIRED.
HAVE YOU FLIPPED YOUR CIRCUIT BOARD? YOU'VE GOT PRINCESS LAVA NOT MOTHER BRAIN!
ERROR IS NOT POSSIBLE IN THIS UNIT. AUTHORIZATION: PRIME DIRECTIVE 3. PRISONER WILL BE DESTROYED IN SIXTY SECONDS.
NO!

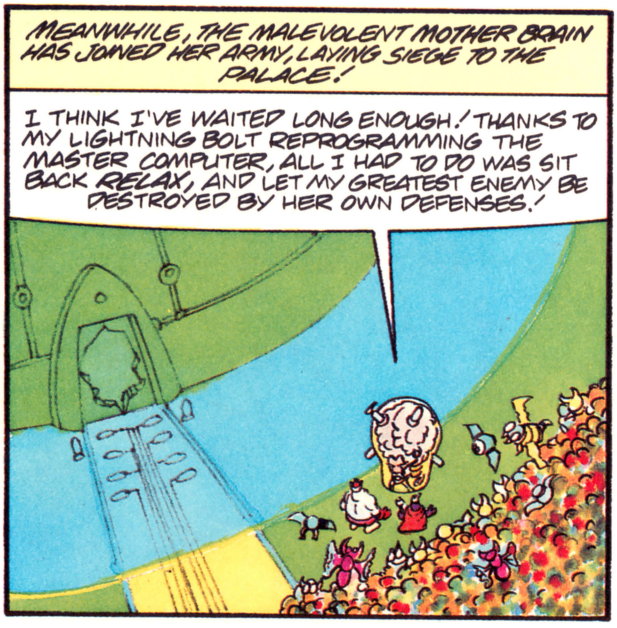

THE COMPUTER IS GOING TO DESTROY LANA! BUT IT'S ALSO THE ONLY THING KEEPING MOTHER BRAIN'S BULLY BOYS FROM DESTROYING THE PALACE! THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP IT IN TIME!
UNLESS... LANA SAID IT'S BUILT LIKE A VIDEO GAME... MAYBE IT THINKS LIKE A VIDEO GAME!
COMPUTER! YOU SAID ERROR WAS IMPOSSIBLE. RIGHT?
THAT IS CORRECT. PRISONER WILL BE DESTROYED IN THIRTY SECONDS.
WELL, CHECK THIS OUT!
YOU HAVE ATTACKED THE PALACE. YOU WERE IDENTIFIED AS CAPTAIN N--ALLY! HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?
SHA-BOOM
SOUNDS LIKE YOU MADE AN ERROR! WHAT IF YOU MADE ANOTHER ERROR WHEN YOU IDENTIFIED THE PRISONER? WHAT IF YOU DESTROY THE WRONG PERSON?
ERROR IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. BUT, PRISONER IS STILL IDENTIFIED AS PRIMARY ENEMY:- MOTHER BRAIN. PRISONER WILL BE DESTROYED IN TEN SECONDS... NINE SECONDS... EIGHT SECONDS..
PRISONER TERMINATION IN FOUR SECONDS... THREE SECONDS...
BUT YOU CAPTURED THE PRISONER EASILY! HEY, WHAT IF YOUR DEFENSES CAN'T STOP ME FROM REACHING THE CENTRAL POWER CORE! THEN I'D BE THE PRIMARY ENEMY. WOULDN'T I?
WOULDN'T I?!?
PRISONER DESTRUCTION SEQUENCE PAUSED.

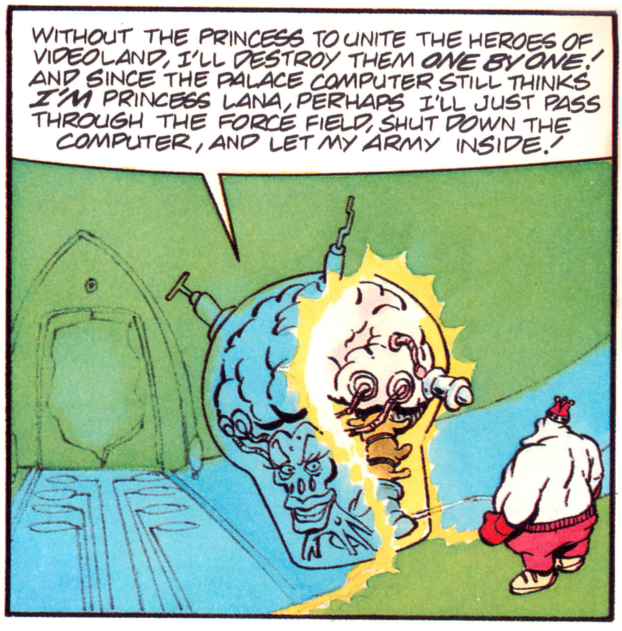
YOUR STATEMENT IS LOGICAL. THIS UNIT WILL NOT DESTROY PRISONER IF YOU ARE ABLE TO REACH CENTRAL POWER CORE. MAXIMUM LEVEL DEFENSES WILL USED.
YOU HAVE FIFTEEN MINUTES. YOU MAY BEGIN.
I KNEW IT! NO MATTER HOW DIFFERENT THEY ARE, ALL VIDEO GAMES THINK ALIKE! THEY PRESENT A CHALLENGE FOR HUMANS TO BEAT!

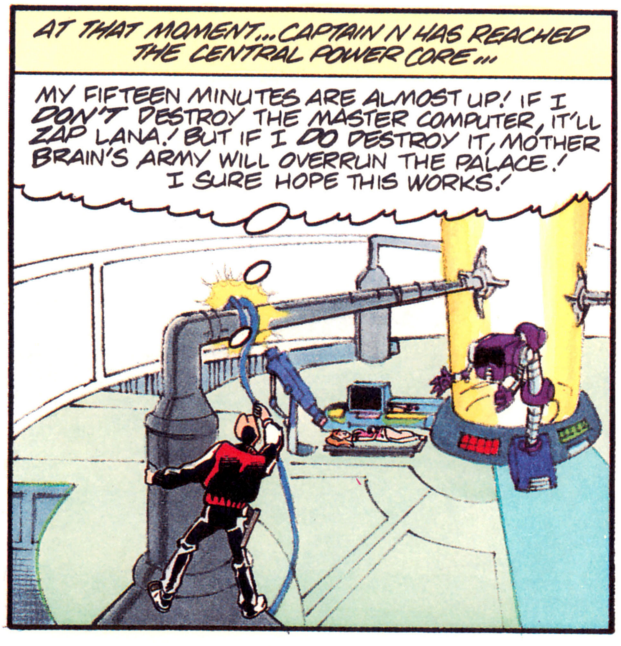
NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GET PAST EVERY LEVEL IN THE PALACE OF POWER. WITH EVERY THING IN THE PALACE TRYING TO DESTROY ME. NO PROBLEMO!
WORKMEN ROBOTS? C'MON, COMPUTER! YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS!
ZARK
ZAP

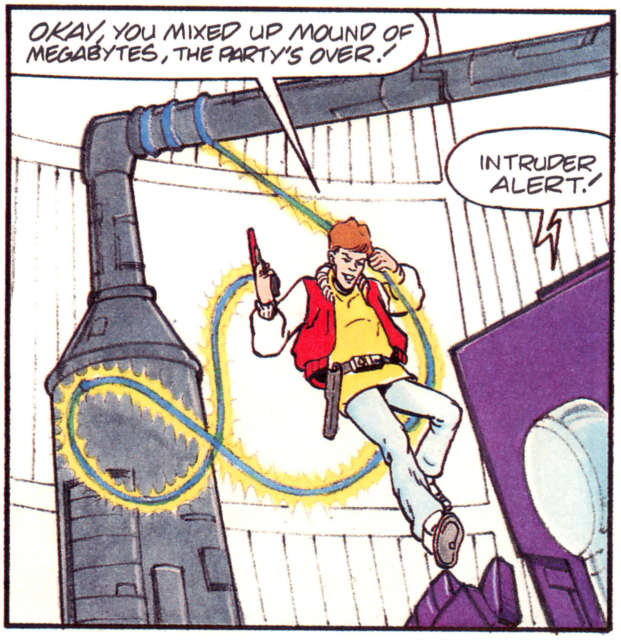

IN THE HUGE HANGAR LEVEL OF THE PALACE, CAP EVADES VICIOUS VEHICLES REMOTELY CONTROLLED BY THE MASTER COMPUTER.

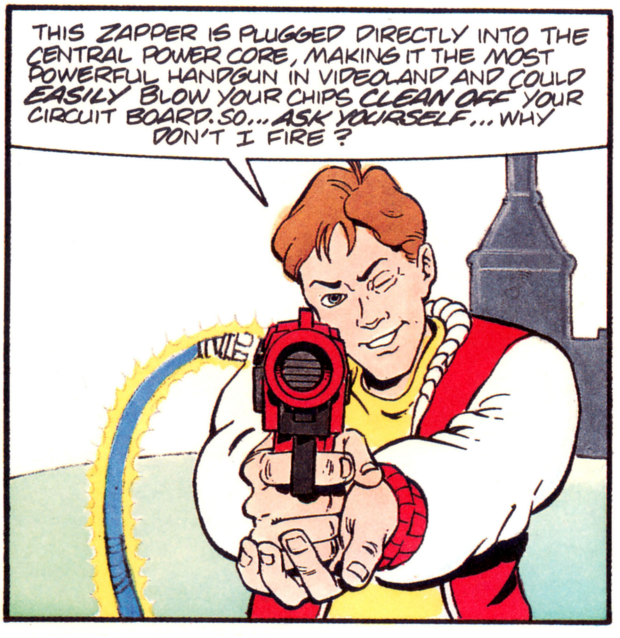
AND IN THE SPACIOUS PALACE KITCHEN, CAP FACES ANGRY APPLIANCES, FORKS OF FURY, AND KILLER COOKWARE!

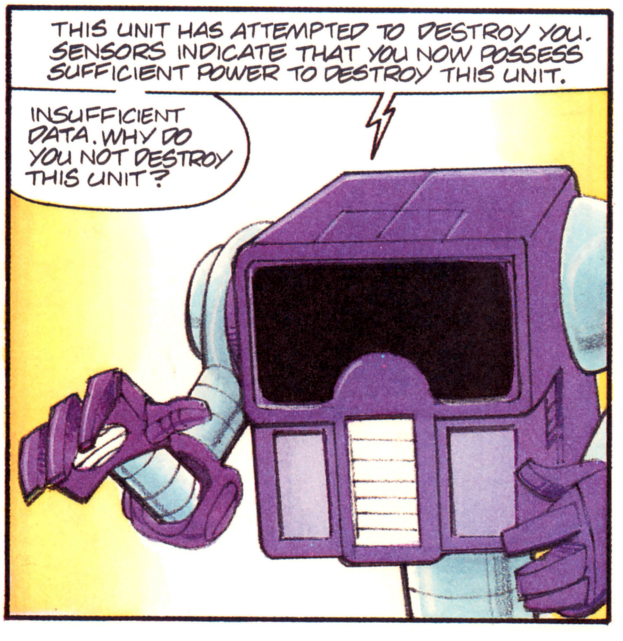

MEANWHILE, THE MALEVOLENT MOTHER BRAIN HAS JOINED HER ARMY, LAYING SIEGE TO THE PALACE!
I THINK I'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH! THANKS TO MY LIGHTNING BOLT REPROGRAMMING THE MASTER COMPUTER, ALL I HAD TO DO WAS SIT BACK RELAX, AND LET MY GREATEST ENEMY BE DESTROYED BY HER OWN DEFENSES!

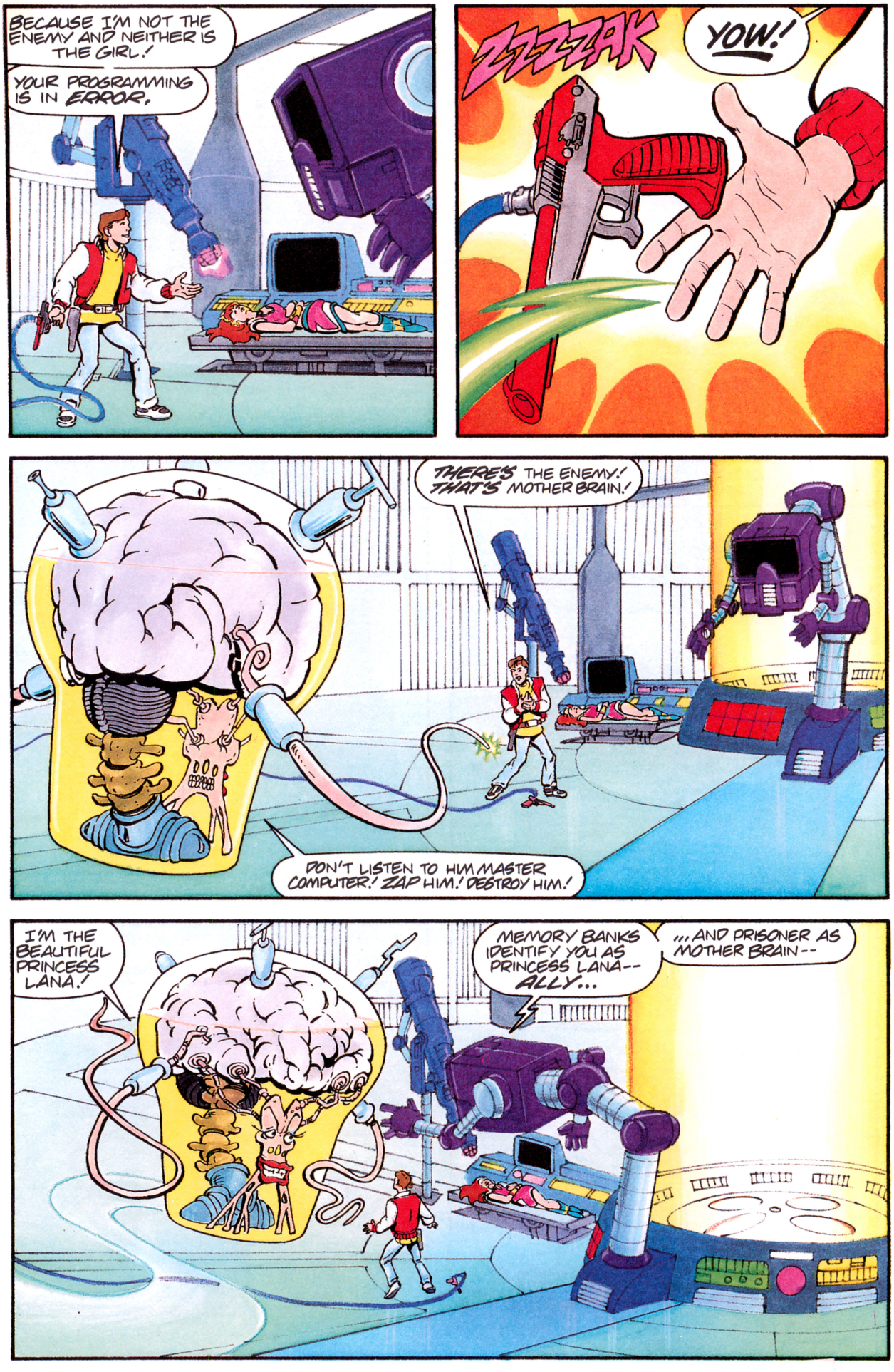

WITHOUT THE PRINCESS TO UNITE THE HEROES OF VIDEOLAND, I'LL DESTROY THEM ONE BY ONE! AND SINCE THE PALACE COMPUTER STILL THINKS I'M PRINCESS LANA, PERHAPS I'LL JUST PASS THROUGH THE FORCE FIELD, SHUT DOWN THE COMPUTER, AND LET MY ARMY INSIDE!

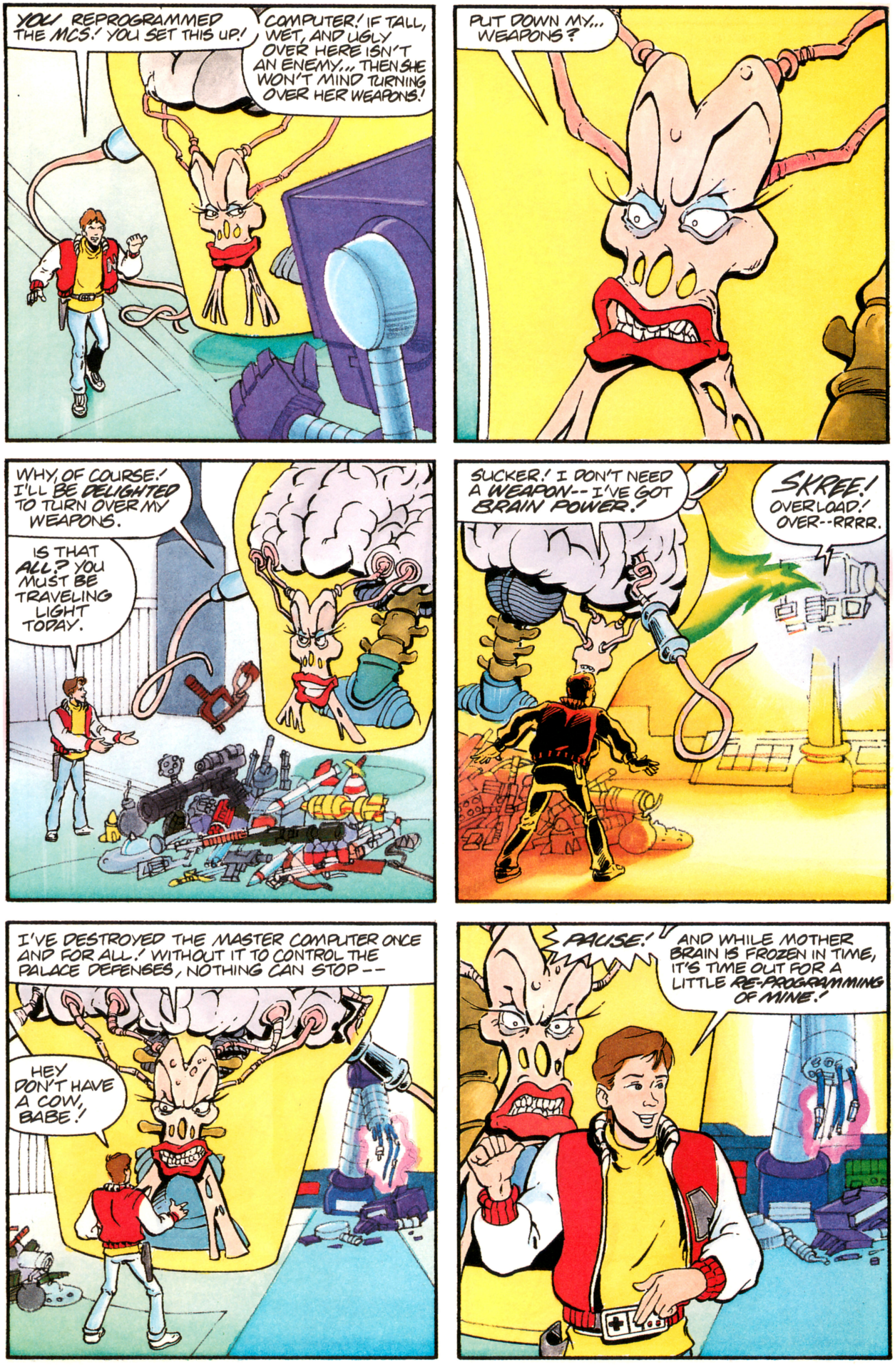

AT THAT MOMENT... CAPTAIN N HAS REACHED THE CENTRAL POWER CORE...
MY FIFTEEN MINUTES ARE ALMOST UP! IF I DON'T DESTROY THE MASTER COMPUTER, IT'LL ZAP LANA! BUT IF I DO DESTROY IT, MOTHER BRAIN'S ARMY WILL OVERRUN THE PALACE! I SURE HOPE THIS WORKS!

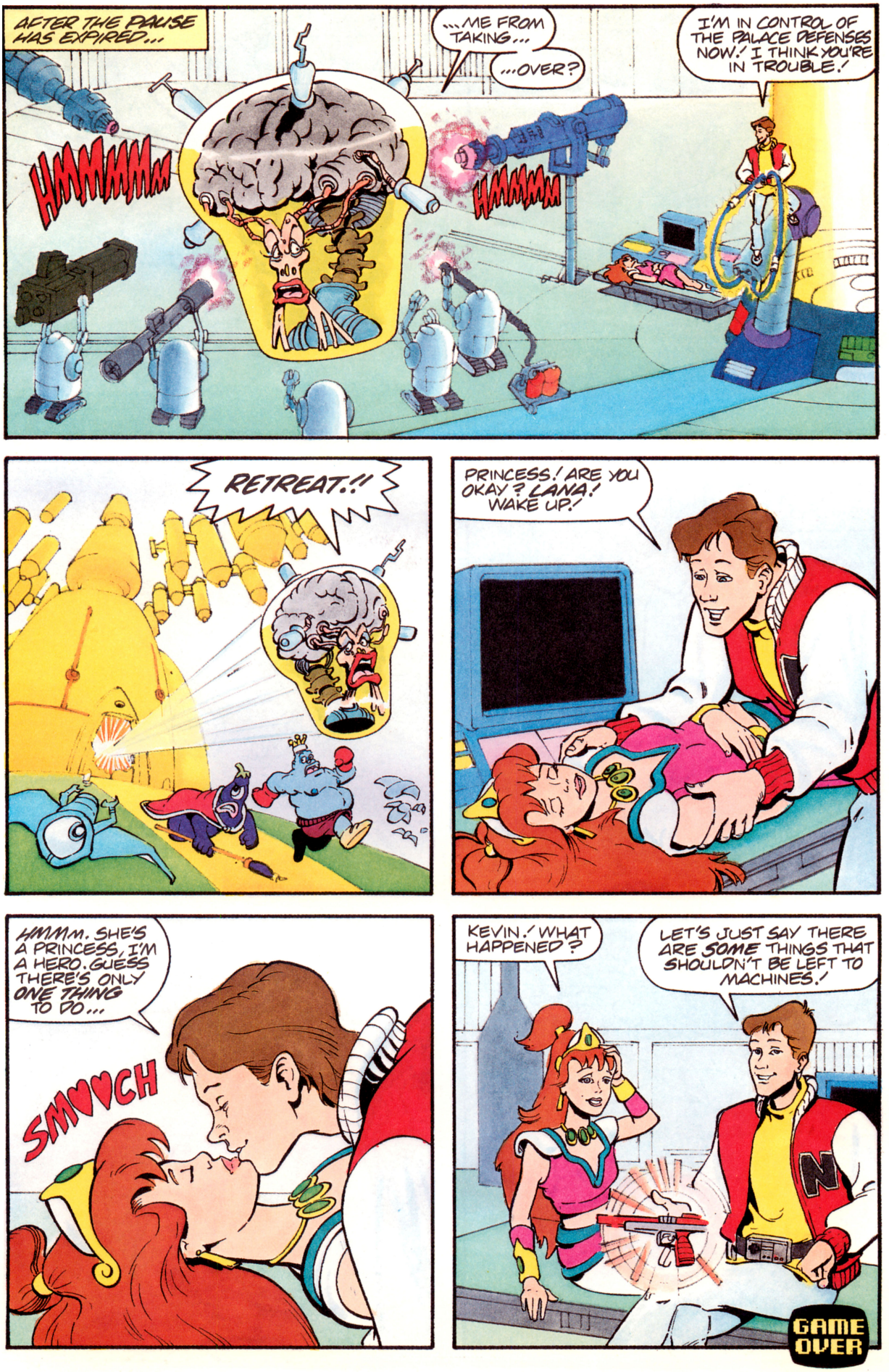

OKAY, YOU MIXED UP MOUND OF MEGABYTES, THE PARTY'S OVER!
INTRUDER ALERT!


THIS ZAPPER IS PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO THE CENTRAL POWER CORE, MAKING IT THE MOST POWERFUL HANDGUN IN VIDEOLAND AND COULD EASILY BLOW YOUR CHIPS CLEAN OFF YOUR CIRCUIT BOARD. SO... ASK YOURSELF... WHY DON'T I FIRE?


THIS UNIT HAS ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY YOU. SENSORS INDICATE THAT YOU NOW POSSESS SUFFICIENT POWER TO DESTROY THIS UNIT.
INSUFFICIENT DATA. WHY DO YOU NOT DESTROY THIS UNIT?


BECAUSE I'M NOT THE ENEMY AND NEITHER IS THE GIRL!
YOUR PROGRAMMING IS IN ERROR.
ZZZZAK
YOW!
THERE'S THE ENEMY! THAT'S MOTHER BRAIN!
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM MASTER COMPUTER! ZAP HIM! DESTROY HIM!
I'M THE BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS LANA!
MEMORY BANKS IDENTIFY YOU AS PRINCESS LANA-- ALLY...
...AND PRISONER AS MOTHER BRAIN--


YOU REPROGRAMMED THE MCS.! YOU SET THIS UP!
COMPUTER! IF TALL, WET, AND UGLY OVER HERE ISN'T AN ENEMY... THEN SHE WON'T MIND TURNING OVER HER WEAPONS!
PUT DOWN MY... WEAPONS?
WHY, OF COURSE! I'LL BE DELIGHTED TO TURN OVER MY WEAPONS.
IS THAT ALL? YOU MUST BE TRAVELING LIGHT TODAY.
SUCKER! I DON'T NEED A WEAPON--I'VE GOT BRAIN POWER!
SKREE! OVERLOAD! OVER--RRRR.
I'VE DESTROYED THE MASTER COMPUTER ONCE AND FOR ALL! WITHOUT IT TO CONTROL THE PALACE DEFENSES, NOTHING CAN STOP--
HEY DON'T HAVE A COW, BABE!
PAUSE!
AND WHILE MOTHER BRAIN IS FROZEN IN TIME, IT'S TIME OUT FOR A LITTLE RE-PROGRAMMING OF MINE!


AFTER THE PAUSE HAS EXPIRED...
...ME FROM TAKING...
...OVER?
I'M IN CONTROL OF THE PALACE DEFENSES NOW! I THINK YOU'RE IN TROUBLE!
HMMMMM
HMMMM
RETREAT!!
PRINCESS! ARE YOU OKAY? LANA! WAKE UP!
HMMM. SHE'S A PRINCESS, I'M A HERO. GUESS THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...
SMVVCH
KEVIN! WHAT HAPPENED?
LET'S JUST SAY THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT SHOULDN'T BE LEFT TO MACHINES!
GAME OVER

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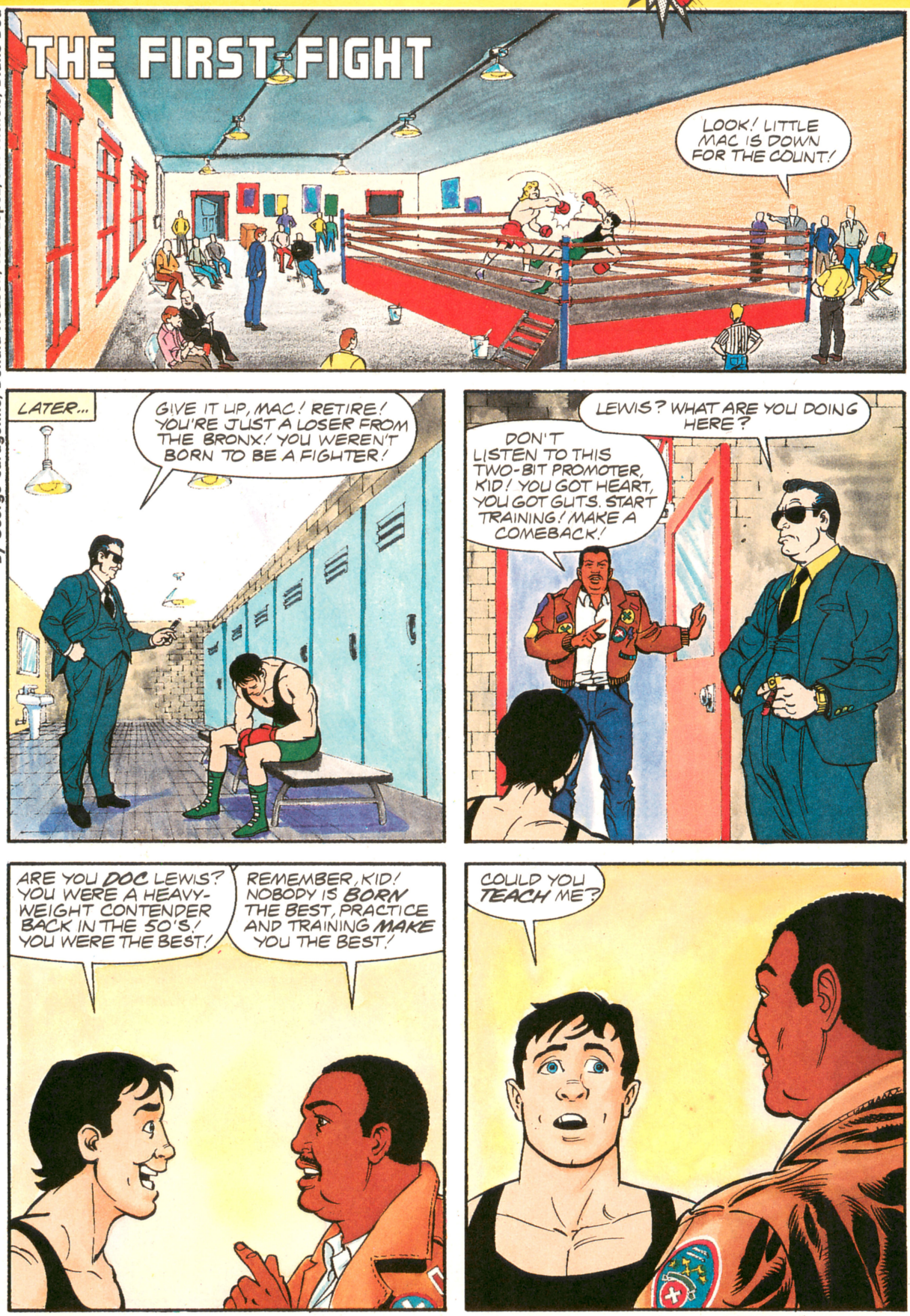
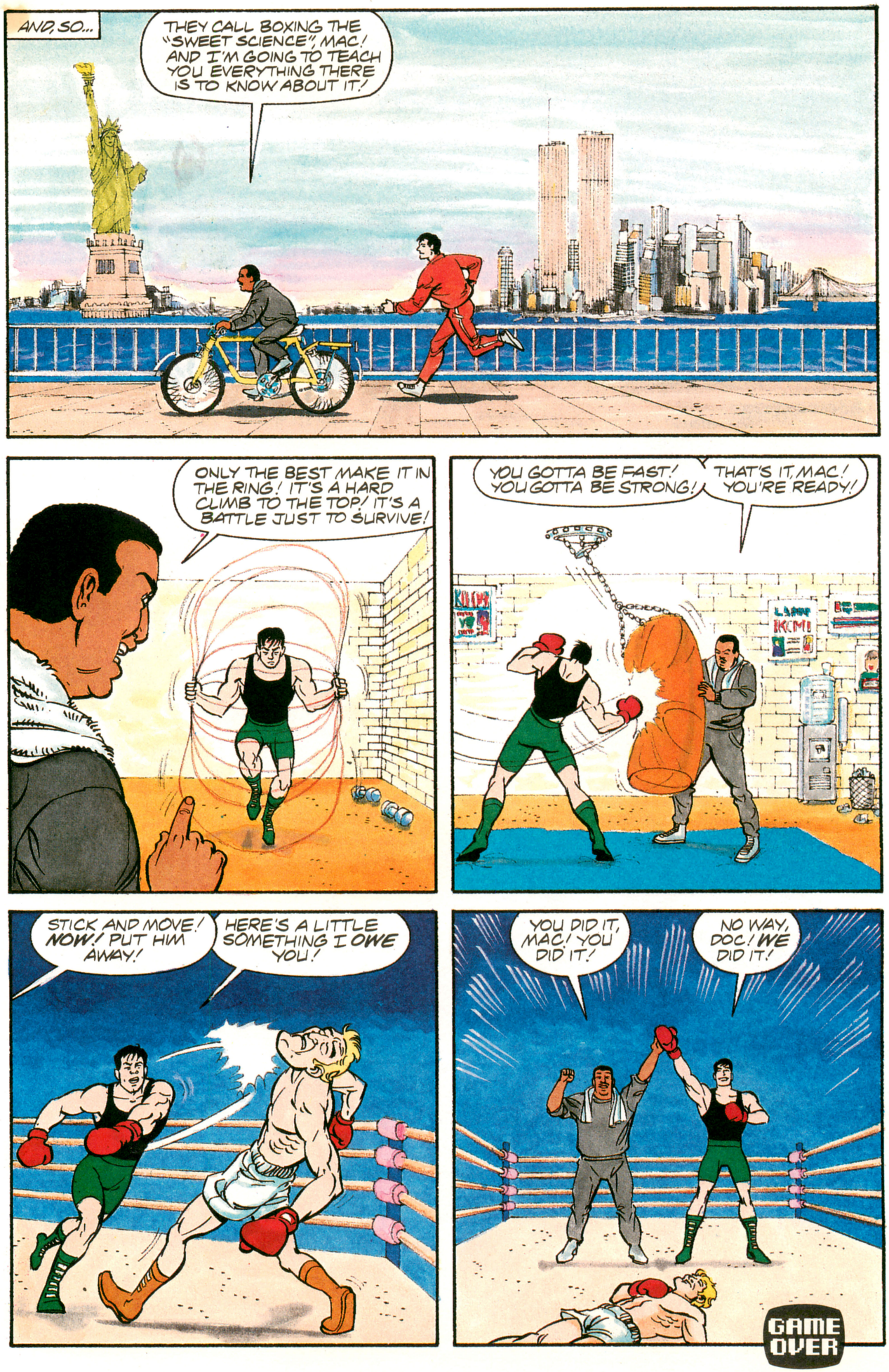
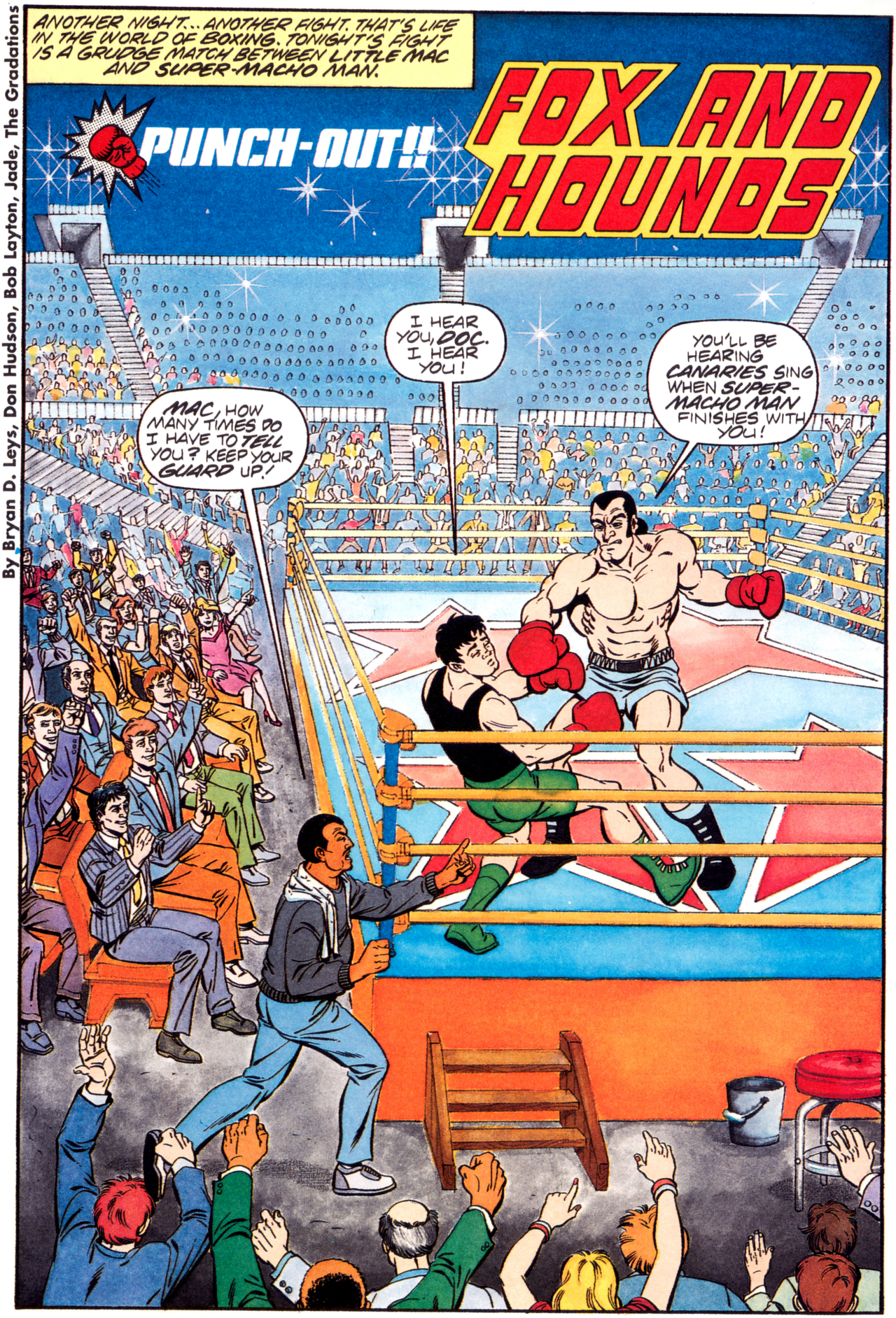



AND, SO...
THEY CALL BOXING THE "SWEET SCIENCE", MAC! AND I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT IT!
ONLY THE BEST MAKE IT IN THE RING! IT'S A HARD CLIMB TO THE TOP! IT'S A BATTLE JUST TO SURVIVE!
YOU GOTTA BE FAST! YOU GOTTA BE STRONG!
THAT'S IT, MAC! YOU'RE READY!
STICK AND MOVE! NOW! PUT HIM AWAY!
HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING I OWE YOU!
YOU DID IT, MAC! YOU DID IT!
NO WAY, DOC! WE DID IT!
GAME OVER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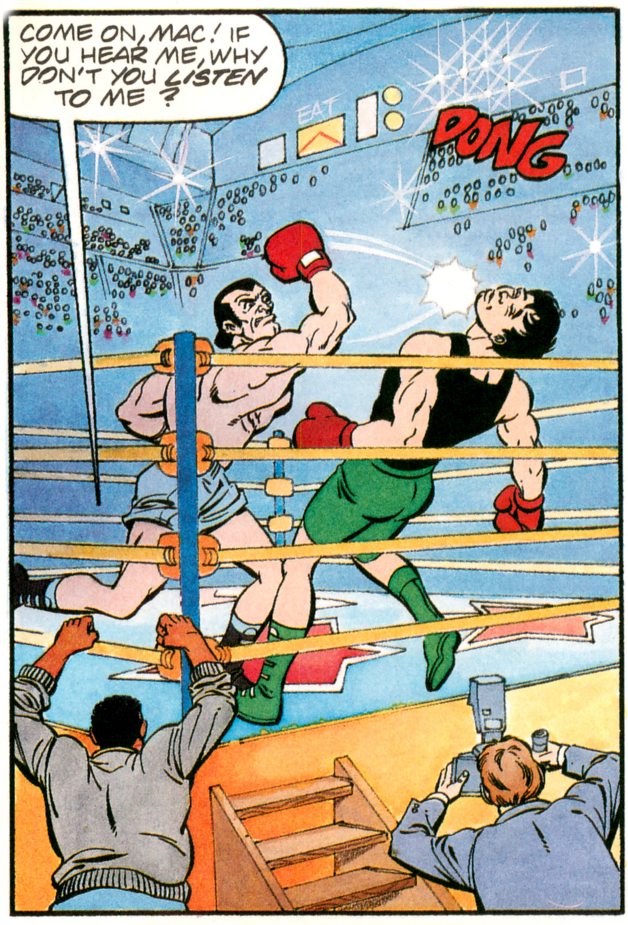
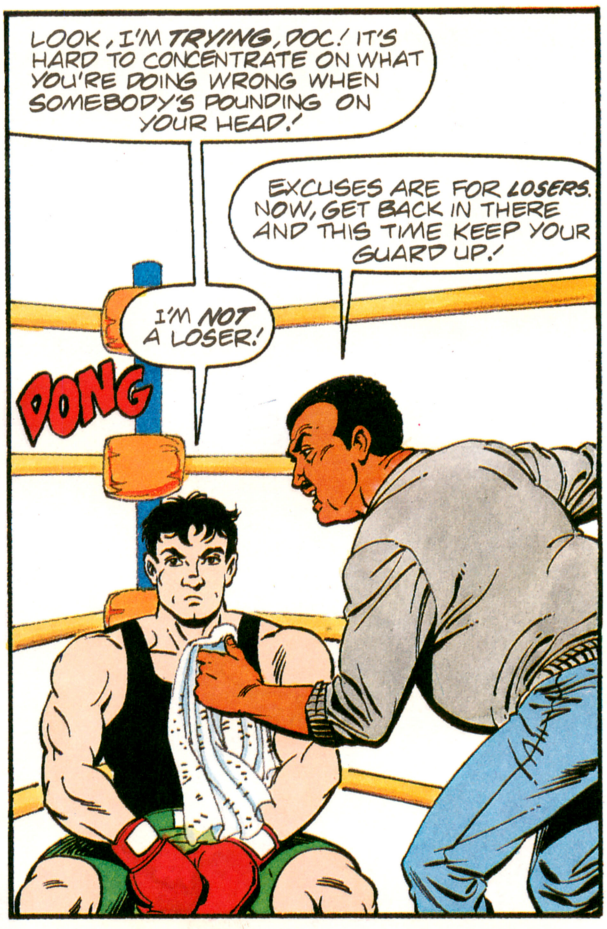
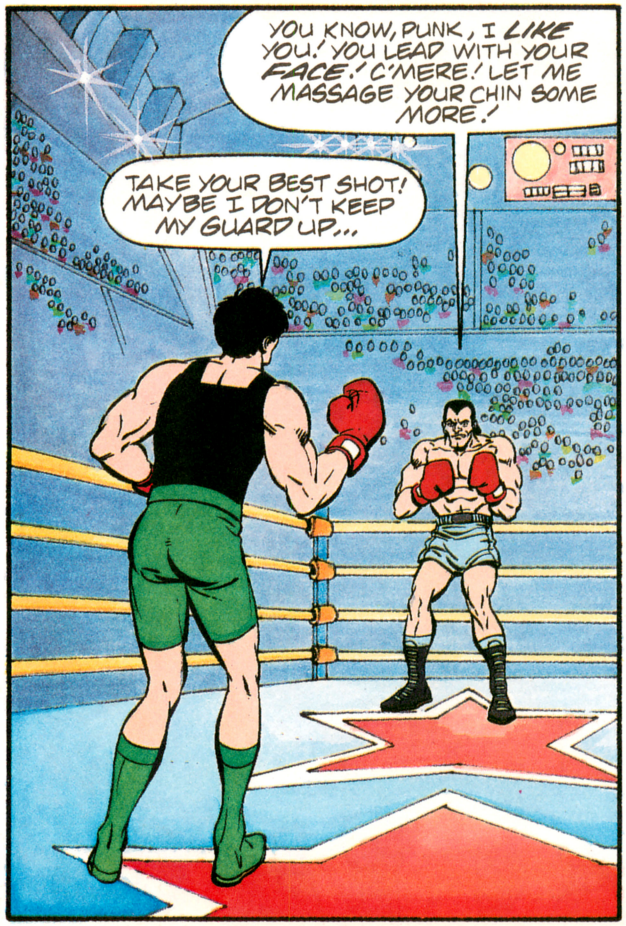
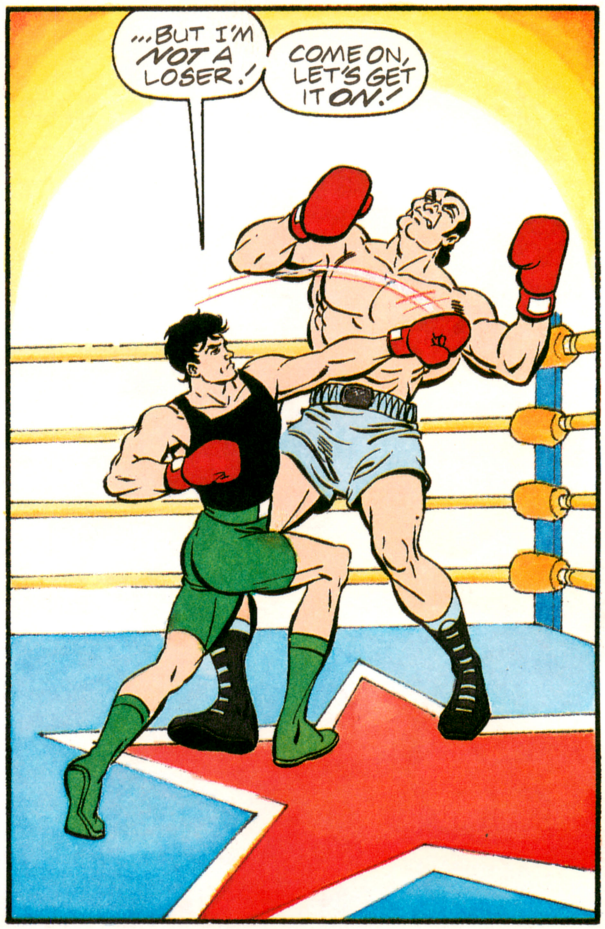
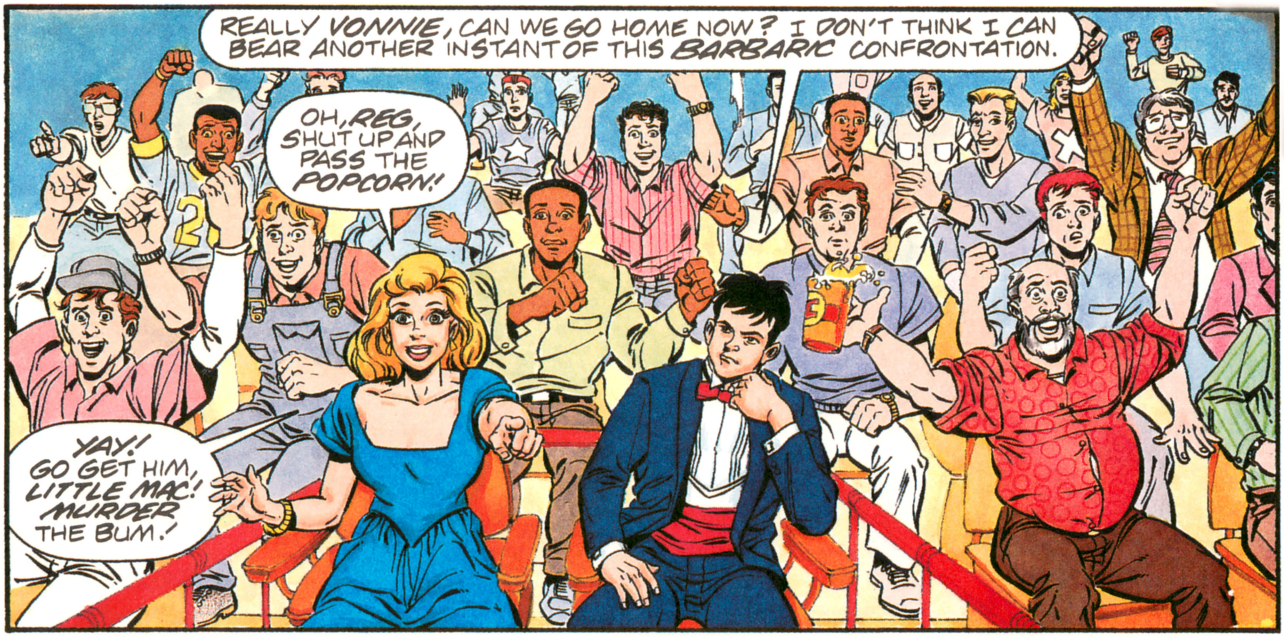
ANOTHER NIGHT... ANOTHER FIGHT. THAT'S LIFE IN THE WORLD OF BOXING. TONIGHT'S FIGHT IS A GRUDGE MATCH BETWEEN LITTLE MAC AND SUPER-MACHO MAN.
PUNCH-OUT!!
FOX AND HOUNDS
MAC, HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU? KEEP YOUR GUARD UP!
I HEAR YOU, DOC. I HEAR YOU!
YOU'LL BE HEARING CANARIES SING WHEN SUPER-MACHO MAN FINISHES WITH YOU!

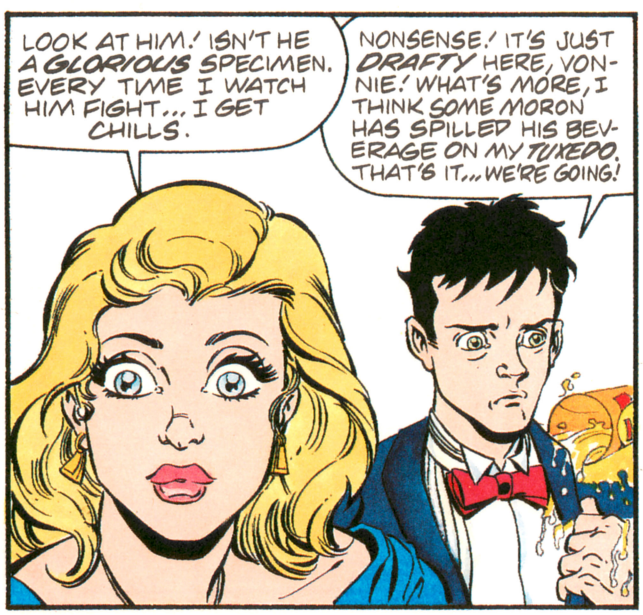

COME ON, MAC! IF YOU HEAR ME, WHY DON'T YOU LISTEN TO ME?
EAT
DONG

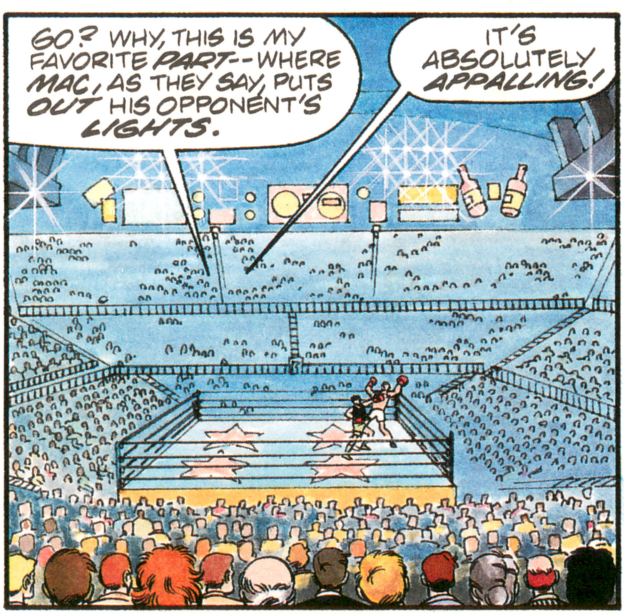

LOOK, I'M TRYING, DOC! IT'S HARD TO CONCENTRATE ON WHAT YOU'RE DOING WRONG WHEN SOMEBODY'S POUNDING ON YOUR HEAD!
EXCUSES ARE FOR LOSERS. NOW, GET BACK IN THERE AND THIS TIME KEEP YOUR GUARD UP!
I'M NOT A LOSER!
DONG

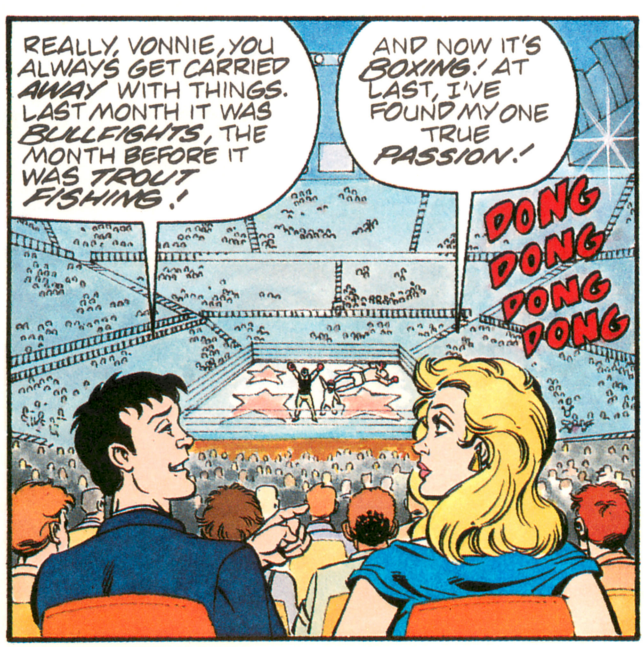

YOU KNOW, PUNK, I LIKE YOU! YOU LEAD WITH YOUR FACE! C'MERE! LET ME MASSAGE YOUR CHIN SOME MORE!
TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT! MAYBE I DON'T KEEP MY GUARD UP...


...BUT I'M NOT A LOSER!
COME ON, LET'S GET IT ON!

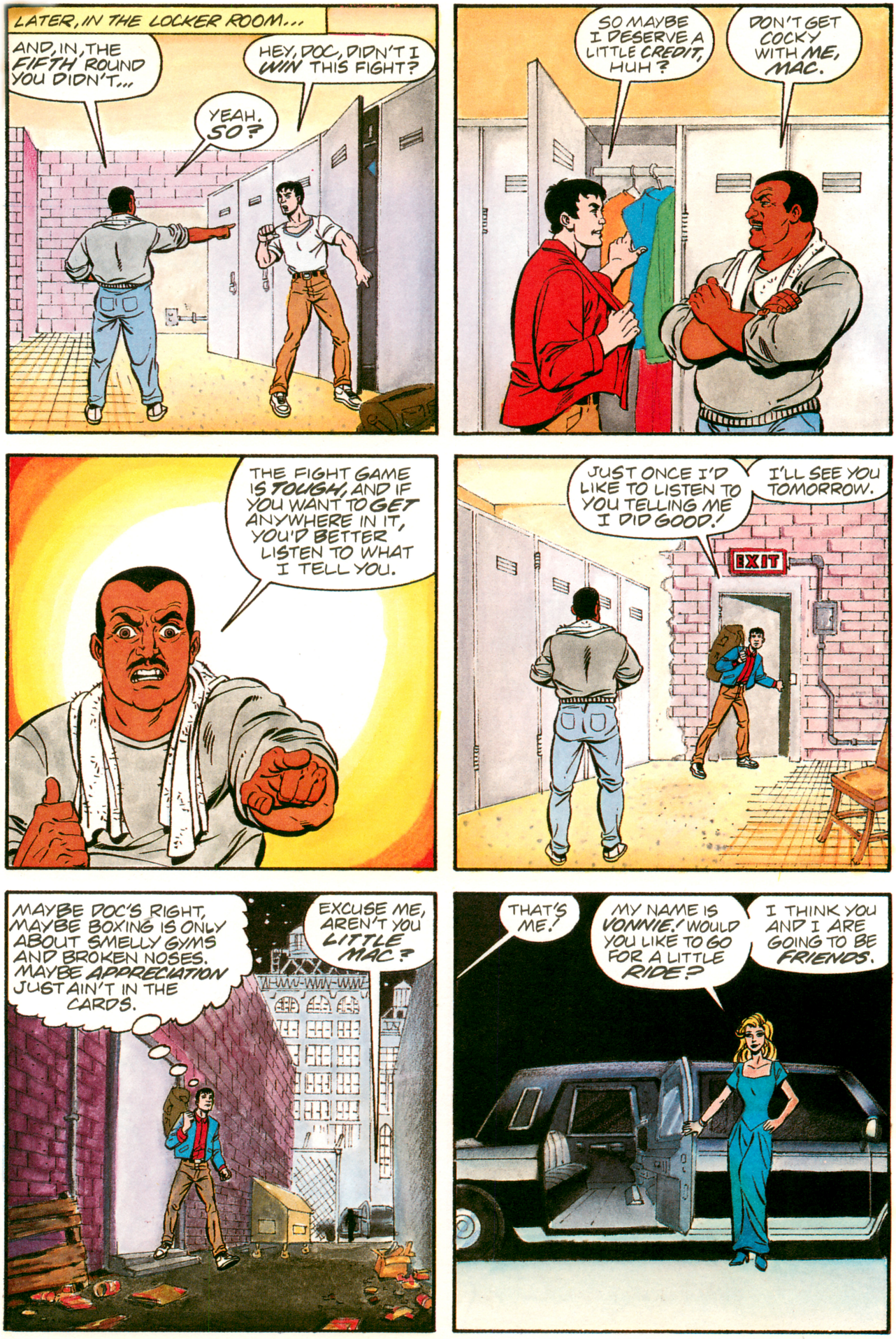

REALLY VONNIE, CAN WE GO HOME NOW? I DON'T THINK I CAN BEAR ANOTHER INSTANT OF THIS BARBARIC CONFRONTATION.
OH, REG, SHUT UP AND PASS THE POPCORN!
YAY! GO GET HIM, LITTLE MAC! MURDER THE BUM!

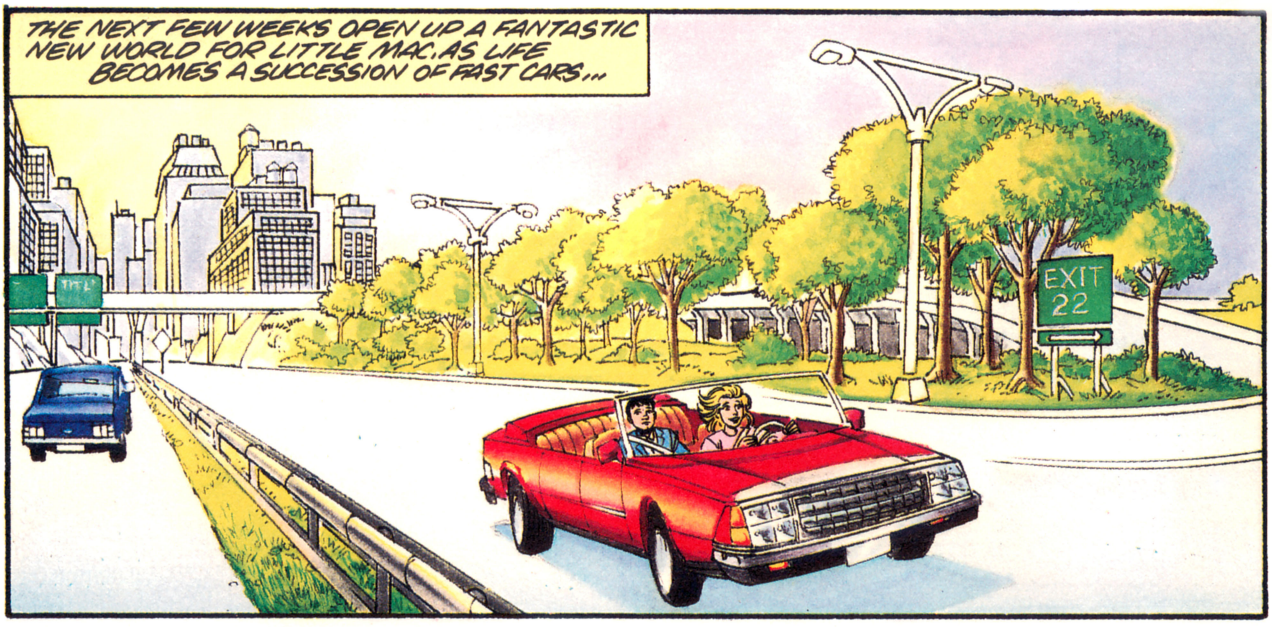

LOOK AT HIM! ISN'T HE A GLORIOUS SPECIMEN. EVERY TIME I WATCH HIM FIGHT... I GET CHILLS.
NONSENSE! IT'S JUST DRAFTY HERE, VONNIE! WHAT'S MORE, I THINK SOME MORON HAS SPILLED HIS BEVERAGE ON MY TUXEDO. THAT'S IT... WE'RE GOING!


GO? WHY, THIS IS MY FAVORITE PART--WHERE MAC, AS THEY SAY, PUTS OUT HIS OPPONENT'S LIGHTS.
IT'S ABSOLUTELY APPALLING!


REALLY, VONNIE, YOU ALWAYS GET CARRIED AWAY WITH THINGS. LAST MONTH IT WAS BULLFIGHTS, THE MONTH BEFORE IT WAS TROUT FISHING!
AND NOW IT'S BOXING! AT LAST, I'VE FOUND MY ONE TRUE PASSION!
DONG DONG DONG DONG

LITTLE MAC IS SIMPLY WONDERFUL, AND TONIGHT I PLAN TO MEET MY NOBLE GLADIATOR FACE TO FACE!


LATER, IN THE LOCKER ROOM...
AND, IN THE FIFTH ROUND YOU DIDN'T...
YEAH. SO?
HEY, DOC, DIDN'T I WIN THIS FIGHT?
SO MAYBE I DESERVE A LITTLE CREDIT, HUH?
DON'T GET COCKY WITH ME, MAC.
THE FIGHT GAME IS TOUGH, AND IF YOU WANT TO GET ANYWHERE IN IT, YOU'D BETTER LISTEN TO WHAT I TELL YOU.
JUST ONCE I'D LIKE TO LISTEN TO YOU TELLING ME I DID GOOD!
I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW.
EXIT
MAYBE DOC'S RIGHT, MAYBE BOXING IS ONLY ABOUT SMELLY GYMS AND BROKEN NOSES. MAYBE APPRECIATION JUST AIN'T IN THE CARDS.
EXCUSE ME, AREN'T YOU LITTLE MAC?
THAT'S ME!
MY NAME IS VONNIE! WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO FOR A LITTLE RIDE?
I THINK YOU AND I ARE GOING TO BE FRIENDS.


THE NEXT FEW WEEKS OPEN UP A FANTASTIC NEW WORLD FOR LITTLE MAC, AS LIFE BECOMES A SUCCESSION OF FAST CARS...
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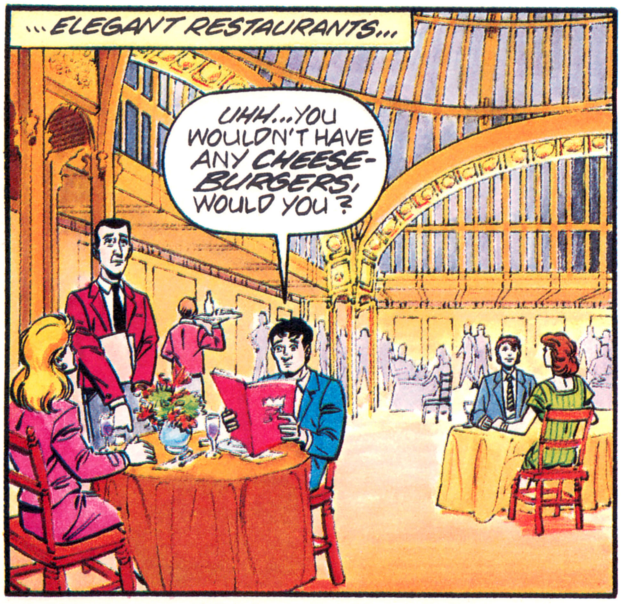
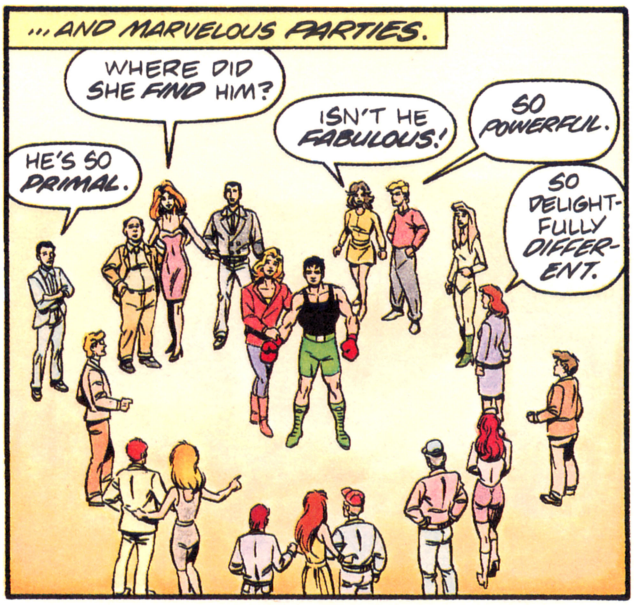
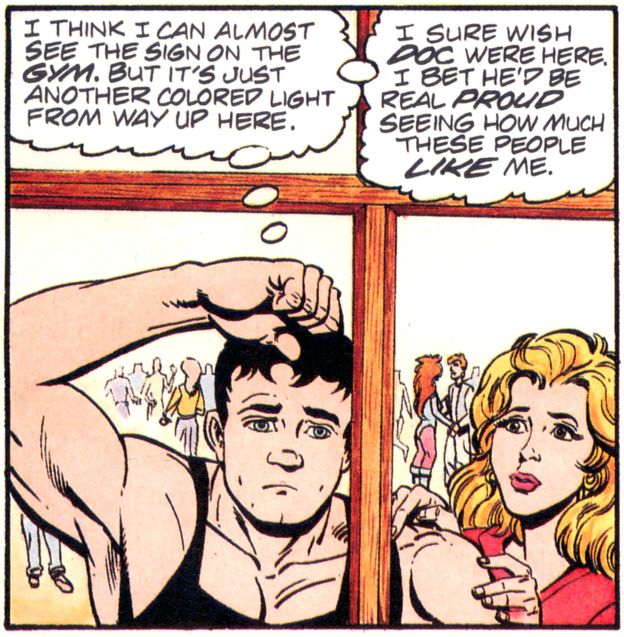
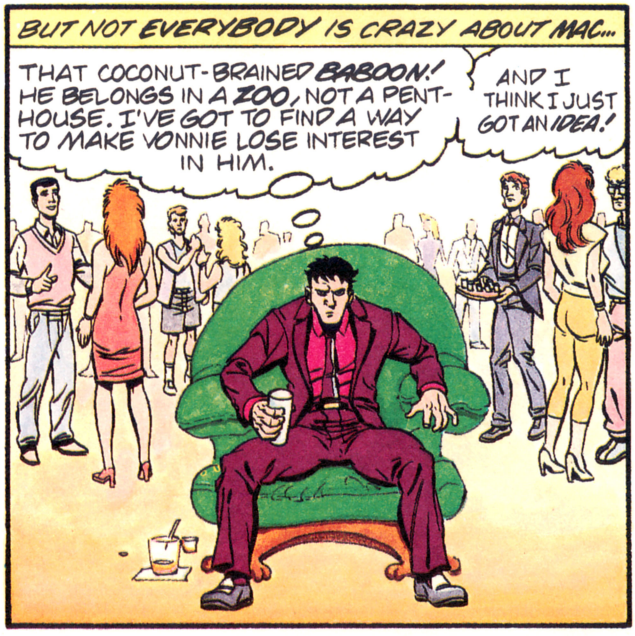
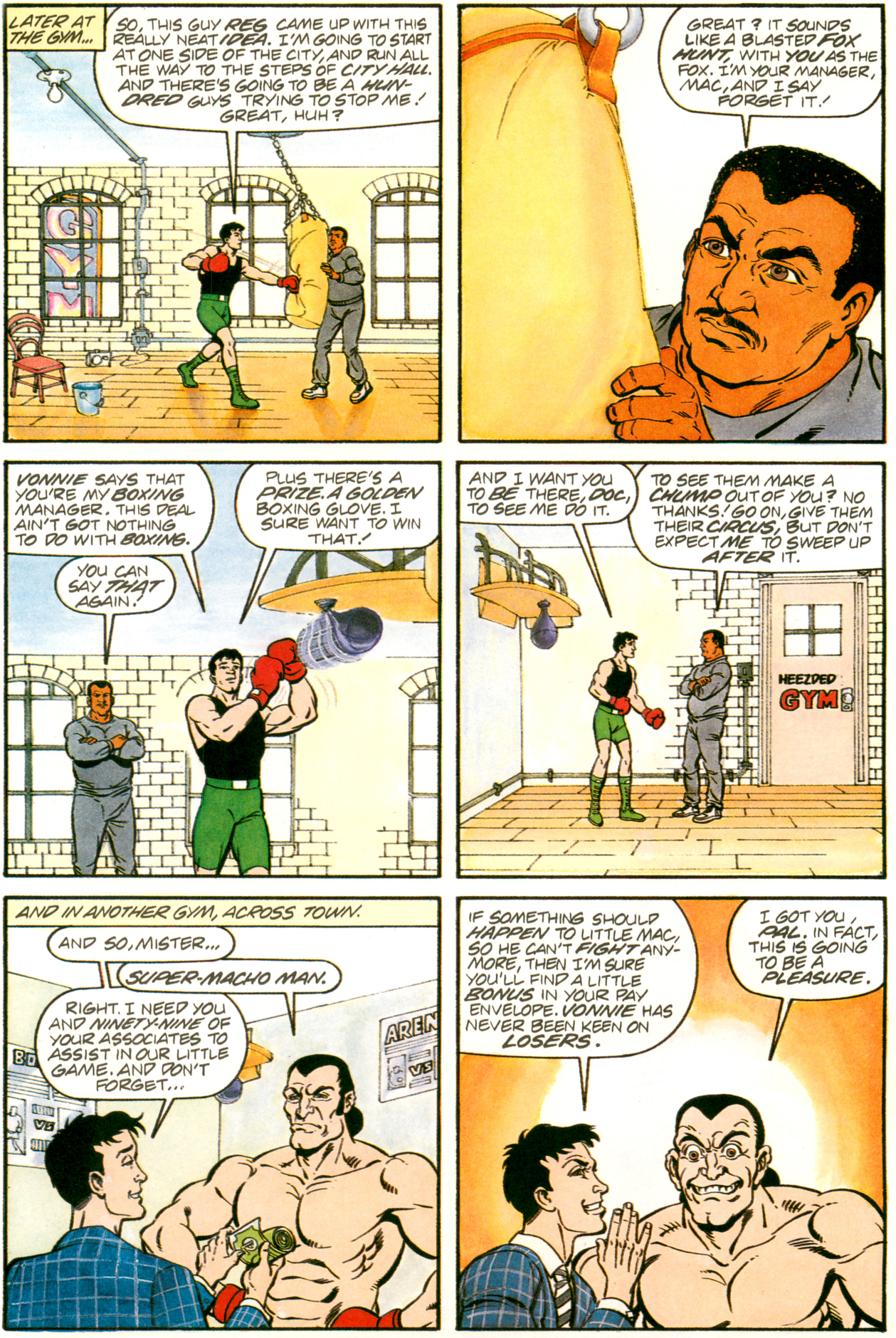
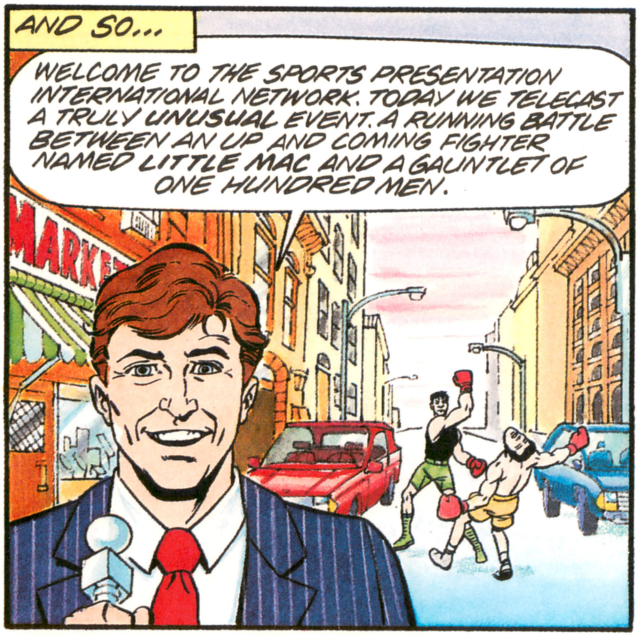

...ELEGANT RESTAURANTS...
UHH!...YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ANY CHEESE-BURGERS, WOULD YOU?


...AND MARVELOUS PARTIES.
WHERE DID SHE FIND HIM?
ISN'T HE FABULOUS!
SO POWERFUL.
HE'S SO PRIMAL.
SO DELIGHT-FULLY DIFFER-ENT.

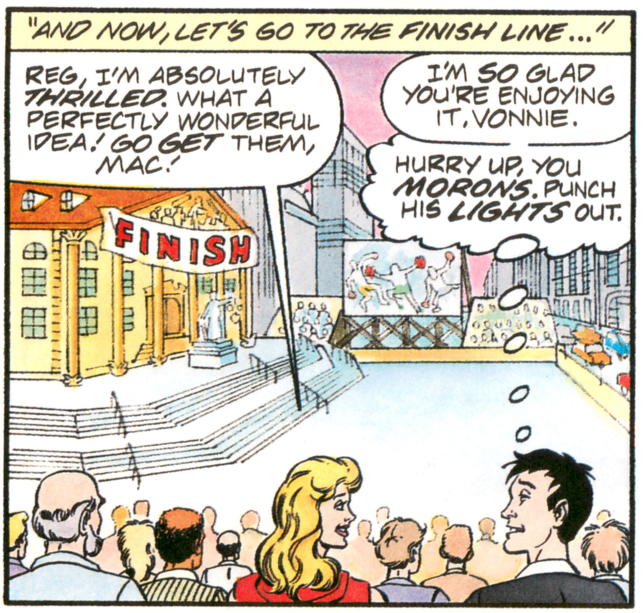

I THINK I CAN ALMOST SEE THE SIGN ON THE GYM. BUT IT'S JUST ANOTHER COLORED LIGHT FROM WAY UP HERE.
I SURE WISH DOC WERE HERE. I BET HE'D BE REAL PROUD SEEING HOW MUCH THESE PEOPLE LIKE ME.

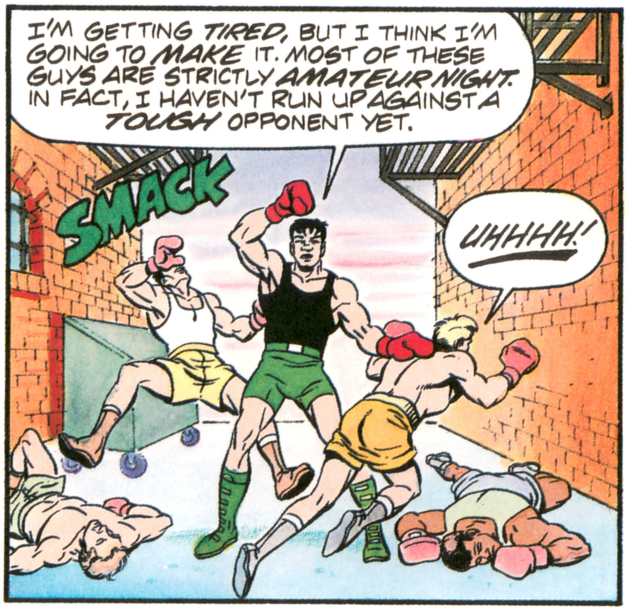

BUT NOT EVERYBODY IS CRAZY ABOUT MAC...
THAT COCONUT-BRAINED BABOON! HE BELONGS IN A ZOO, NOT A PENT-HOUSE. I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE YONNIE LOSE INTEREST IN HIM.
AND I THINK I JUST GOT AN IDEA!

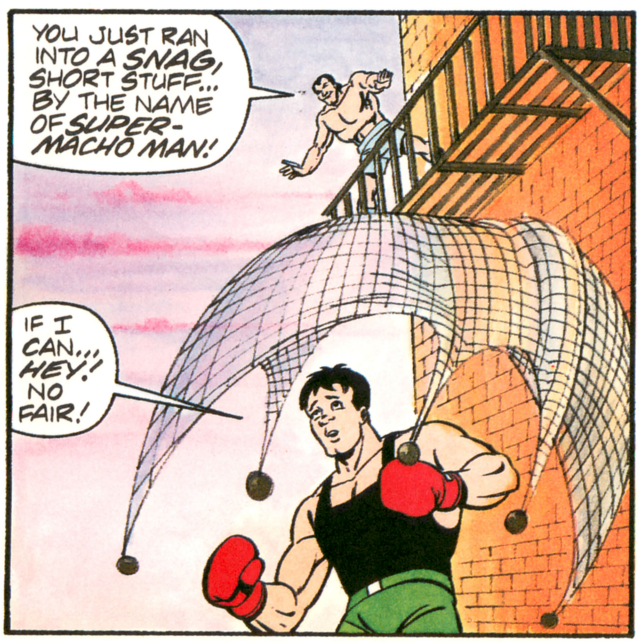

LATER AT THE GYM...
SO, THIS GUY REG CAME UP WITH THIS REALLY NEAT IDEA. I'M GOING TO START AT ONE SIDE OF THE CITY, AND RUN ALL THE WAY TO THE STEPS OF CITY HALL. AND THERE'S GOING TO BE A HUNDRED GUYS TRYING TO STOP ME! GREAT, HUH?
GYM
GREAT? IT SOUNDS LIKE A BLASTED FOX HUNT, WITH YOU AS THE FOX. I'M YOUR MANAGER, MAC, AND I SAY FORGET IT!
VONNIE SAYS THAT YOU'RE MY BOXING MANAGER. THIS DEAL AIN'T GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH BOXING.
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!
PLUS THERE'S A PRIZE. A GOLDEN BOXING GLOVE. I SURE WANT TO WIN THAT!
AND I WANT YOU TO BE THERE, DOC, TO SEE ME DO IT.
TO SEE THEM MAKE A CHUMP OUT OF YOU? NO THANKS! GO ON, GIVE THEM THEIR CIRCUS, BUT DON'T EXPECT ME TO SWEEP UP AFTER IT.
HEEZDED GYM
AND IN ANOTHER GYM, ACROSS TOWN.
AND SO, MISTER...
SUPER-MACHO MAN.
RIGHT. I NEED YOU AND NINETY-NINE OF YOUR ASSOCIATES TO ASSIST IN OUR LITTLE GAME. AND DON'T FORGET...
IF SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO LITTLE MAC, SO HE CAN'T FIGHT ANYMORE, THEN I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND A LITTLE BONUS IN YOUR PAY ENVELOPE. VONNIE HAS NEVER BEEN KEEN ON LOSERS.
I GOT YOU, PAL. IN FACT, THIS IS GOING TO BE A PLEASURE.


AND SO...
WELCOME TO THE SPORTS PRESENTATION INTERNATIONAL NETWORK. TODAY WE TELECAST A TRULY UNUSUAL EVENT. A RUNNING BATTLE BETWEEN AN UP AND COMING FIGHTER NAMED LITTLE MAC AND A GAUNTLET OF ONE HUNDRED MEN.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO CAME IN LATE, WE ARE TWO HOURS INTO THIS EVENT. LITTLE MAC HAS MANAGED TO OUT-FIGHT OR ELUDE NEARLY FORTY OPPONENTS IN A WILD CHASE THROUGH OUR CITY'S TWISTED STREETS AND ALLEYS. BUT THINGS WILL GET TOUGHER AS HE NEARS CITY HALL.
WHUMP
WOOOOF!


"AND NOW, LET'S GO TO THE FINISH LINE..."
REG, I'M ABSOLUTELY THRILLED. WHAT A PERFECTLY WONDERFUL IDEA! GO GET THEM, MAC!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ENJOYING IT, VONNIE.
HURRY UP, YOU MORONS. PUNCH HIS LIGHTS OUT.
FINISH


I'M GETTING TIRED, BUT I THINK I'M GOING TO MAKE IT. MOST OF THESE GUYS ARE STRICTLY AMATEUR NIGHT. IN FACT, I HAVEN'T RUN UP AGAINST A TOUGH OPPONENT YET.
SMACK
UHHHH!

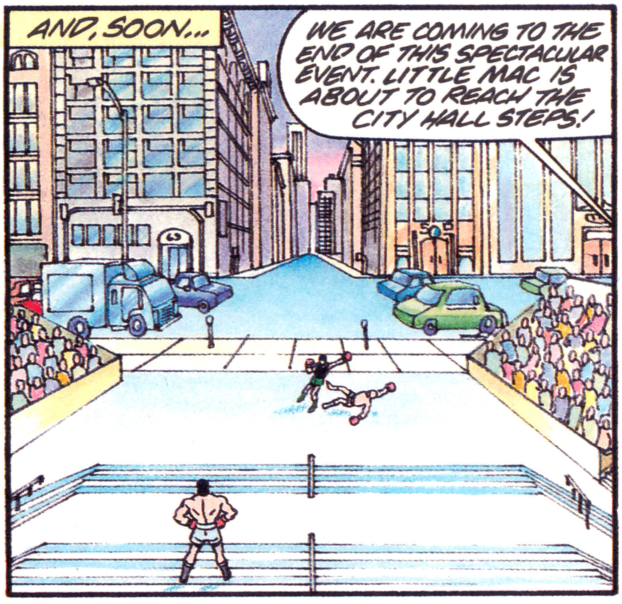

YOU JUST RAN INTO A SNAG, SHORT STUFF... BY THE NAME OF SUPER-MACHO MAN!
IF I CAN... HEY! NO FAIR!

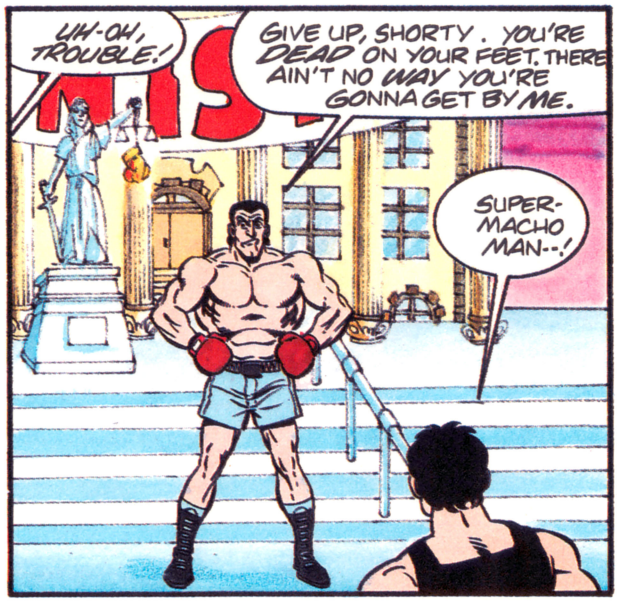
DON'T EXPECT ANY HELP! YOU'RE OUT OF CAMERA RANGE. SEE YOU AT THE HOSPITAL, CHUMP.
HEY-- WAIT! UHHHHH.

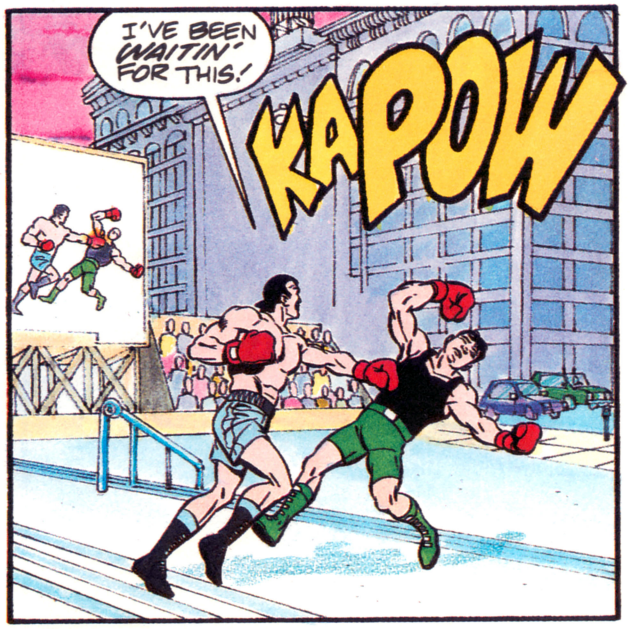
THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM PILING ON.! I GUESS THIS GAME IS SHOT.
WAIT.! WHAT'S THAT NOISE...
RRRRRUM
HEY, LOOK AT THAT TRUCK. IT'S HEADING RIGHT AT US.!
IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF NUT.! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
RRRRRRUM
MUST BE SUPER-MACHO MAN COMING BACK TO FINISH ME OFF...
SCREEECH
DOC.! IT'S YOU.!
OF COURSE. YOU NEED ME. DID YOU THINK THOSE HIGH SOCIETY TYPES WERE GOING TO FIGHT FAIR?
DON'T TALK THAT WAY ABOUT MY FRIENDS.! IT MUST HAVE BEEN SOME KIND OF MIX-UP.!
SON, WHAT'S MIXED UP IS YOU.! YOU'RE A FIGHTER, NOT A SIDESHOW.!

MAYBE I AM, MAYBE I'M NOT. ALL I KNOW IS THAT I STARTED THIS AND NOW I GOT TO FINISH IT. I'LL SEE YOU AT CITY HALL.
MAC--!

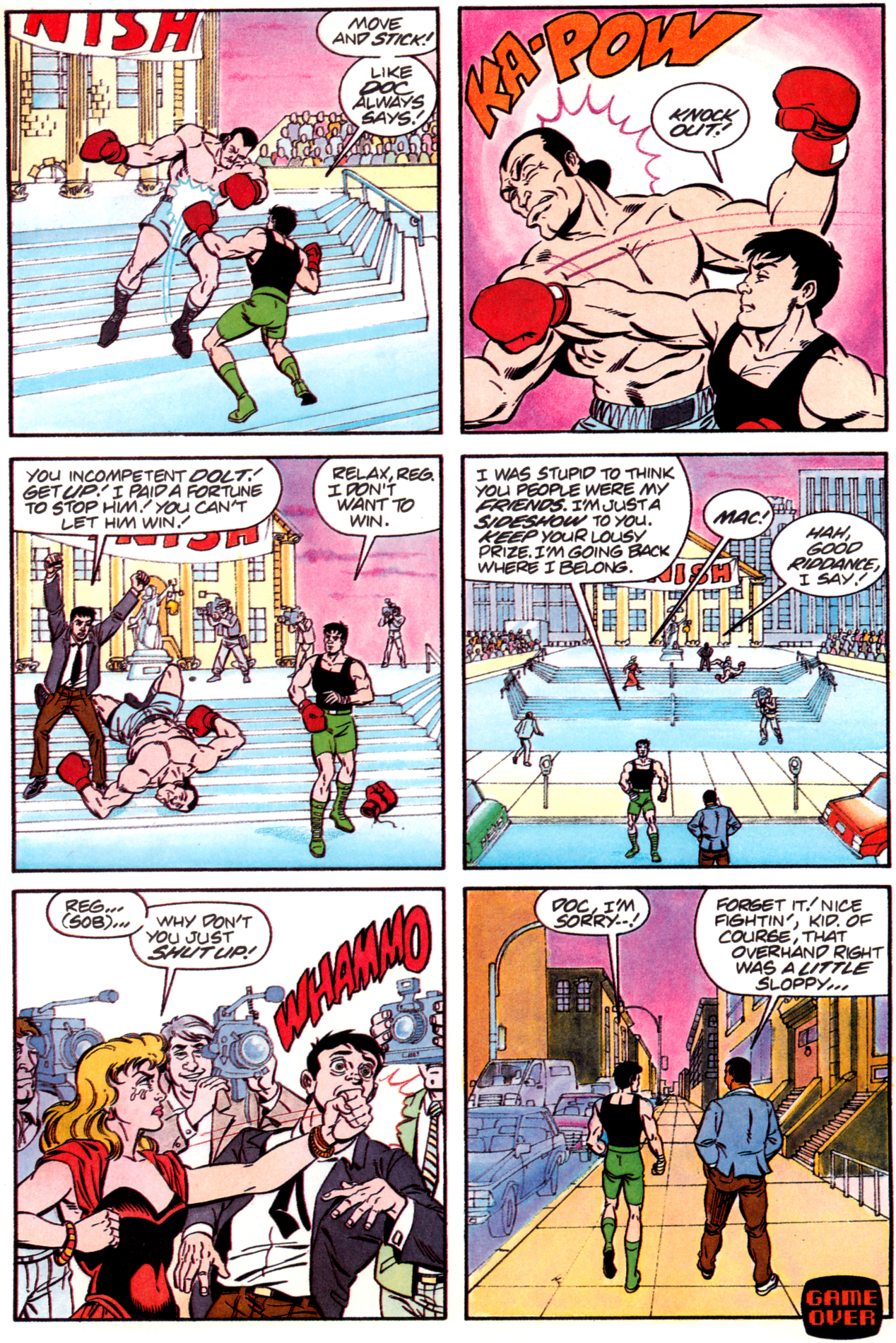
KEEP YOUR GUARD UP, O.K.? PLEASE...


AND, SOON...
WE ARE COMING TO THE END OF THIS SPECTACULAR EVENT. LITTLE MAC IS ABOUT TO REACH THE CITY HALL STEPS!


UH-OH, TROUBLE!
GIVE UP, SHORTY. YOU'RE DEAD ON YOUR FEET. THERE AIN'T NO WAY YOU'RE GONNA GET BY ME.
SUPER-MACHO MAN--!


I'VE BEEN WAITIN' FOR THIS!
KAPOW

GUARD UP... KEEP MY GUARD UP! LIKE... DOC SAID!


MOVE AND STICK!
LIKE DOC ALWAYS SAYS!
KA-POW
KNOCK OUT!
YOU INCOMPETENT DOLT! GET UP! I PAID A FORTUNE TO STOP HIM! YOU CAN'T LET HIM WIN!
RELAX, REG. I DON'T WANT TO WIN.
I WAS STUPID TO THINK YOU PEOPLE WERE MY FRIENDS. I'M JUST A SIDESHOW TO YOU. KEEP YOUR LOUSY PRIZE. I'M GOING BACK WHERE I BELONG.
MAC!
HAH, GOOD RIDDANCE, I SAY!
REG... (SOB)...
WHY DON'T YOU JUST SHUT UP!
WHAMMO
DOC, I'M SORRY--!
FORGET IT! NICE FIGHTIN', KID. OF COURSE, THAT OVERHAND RIGHT WAS A LITTLE SLOPPY...
GAME OVER

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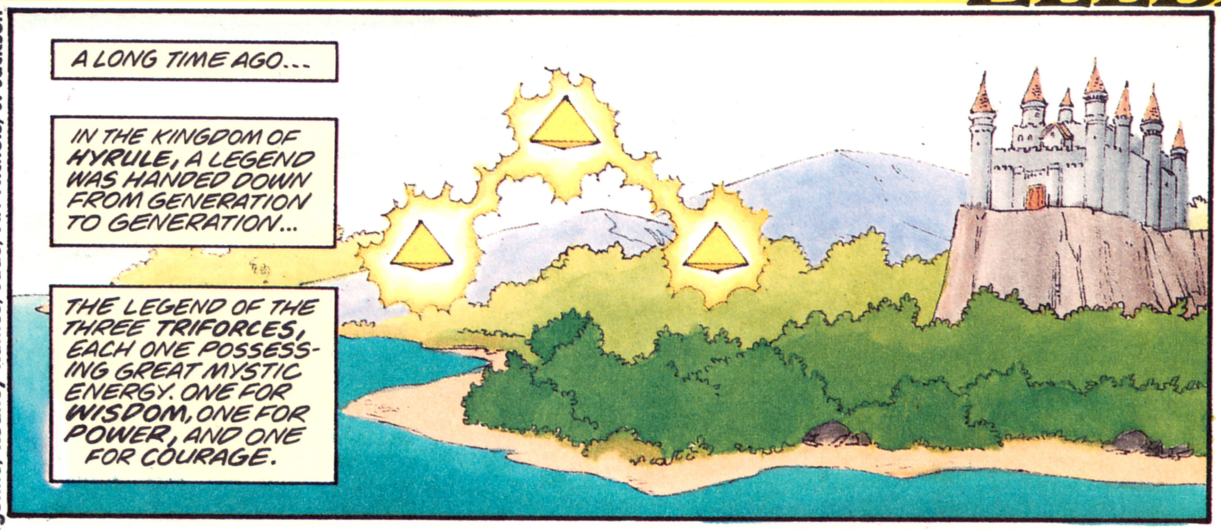
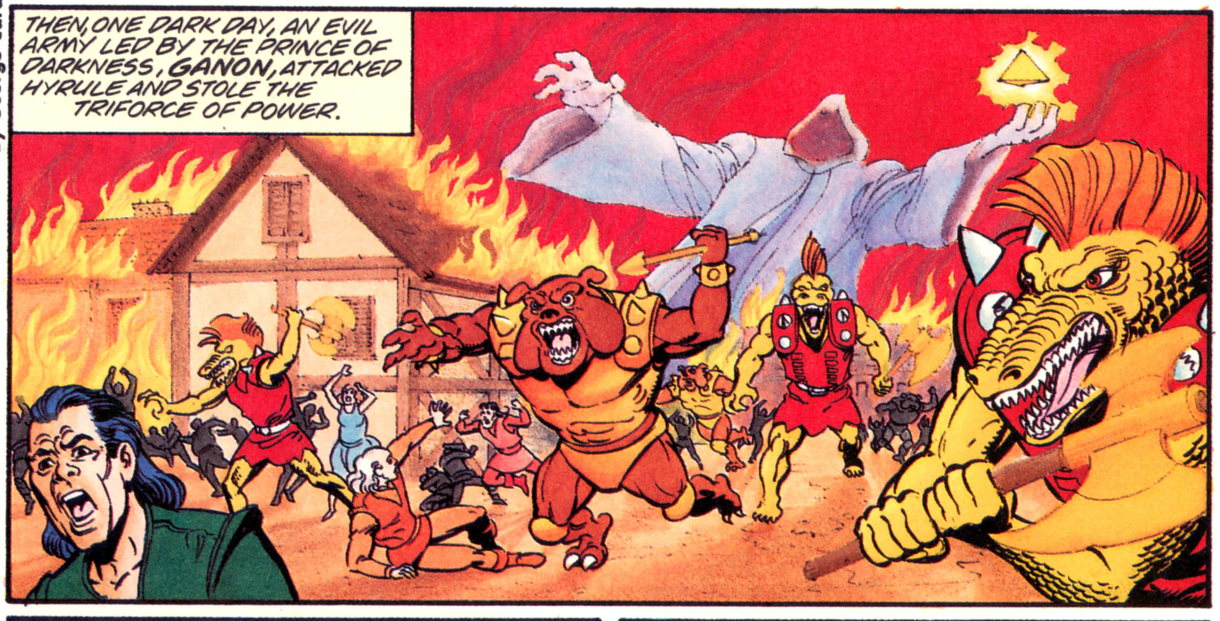
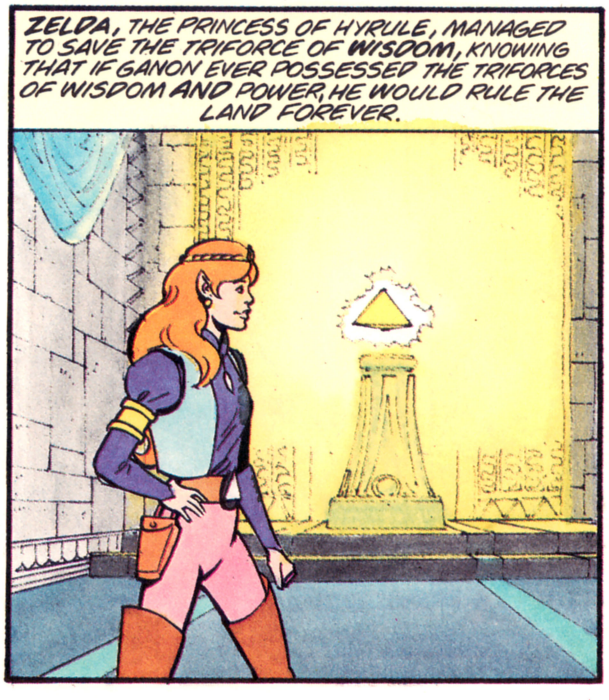
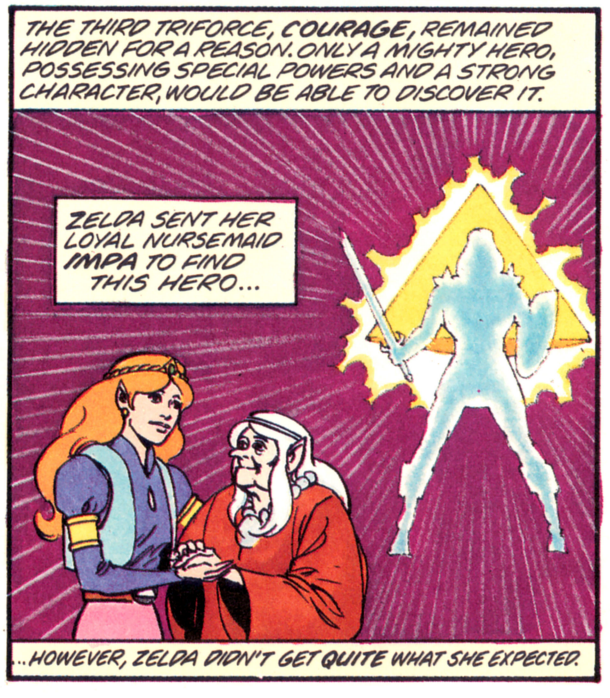
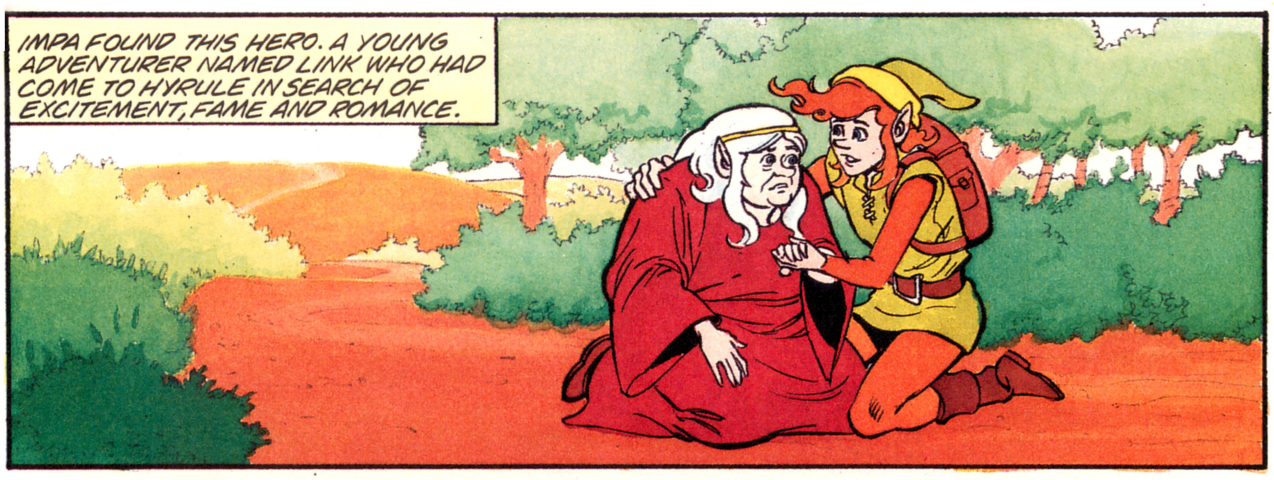
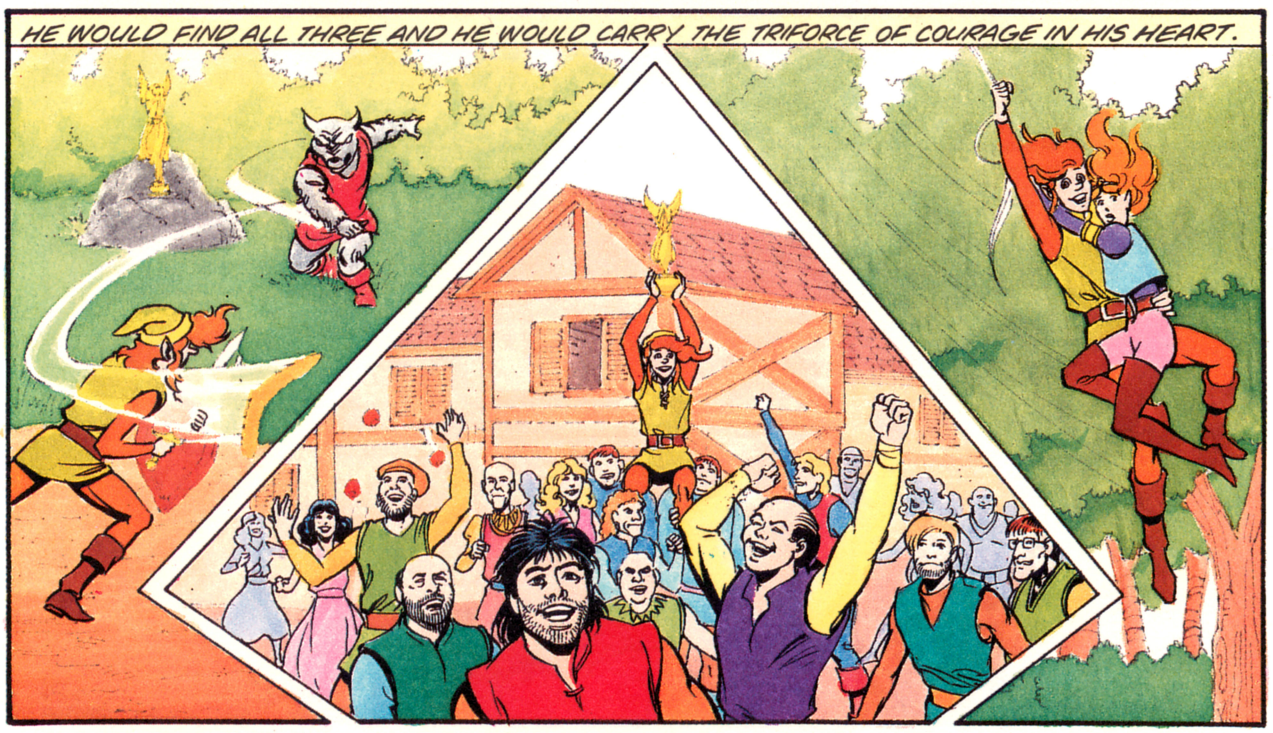


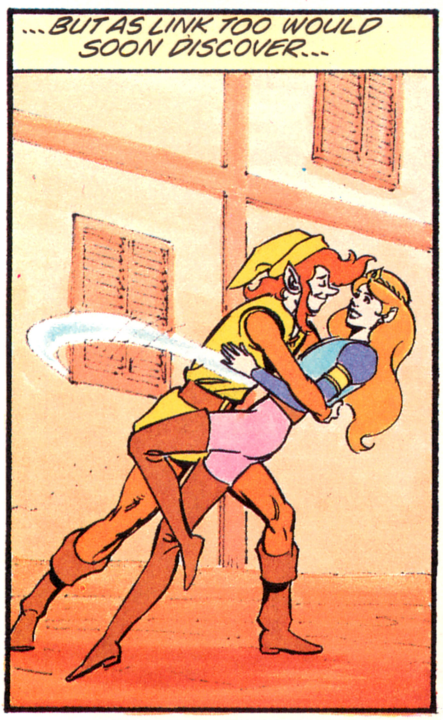




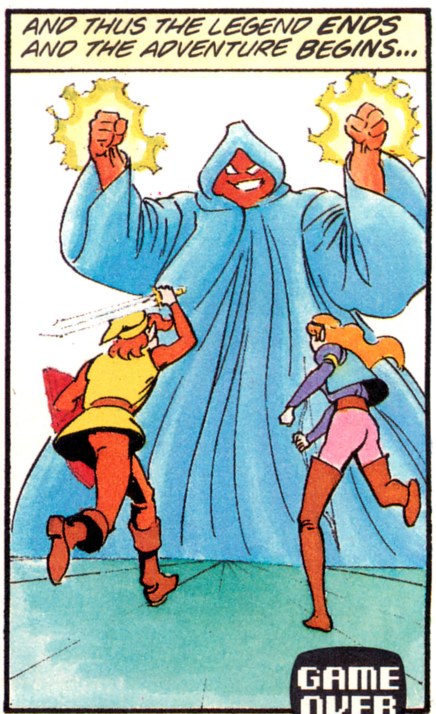



IMPA FOUND THIS HERO. A YOUNG ADVENTURER NAMED LINK WHO HAD COME TO HYRULE IN SEARCH OF EXCITEMENT, FAME AND ROMANCE.


HE WOULD FIND ALL THREE AND HE WOULD CARRY THE TRIFORCE OF COURAGE IN HIS HEART.


...BUT AS LINK TOO WOULD SOON DISCOVER...

...THINGS IN HYRULE DON'T GO QUITE THE WAY YOU EXPECT.


AND THUS THE LEGEND ENDS AND THE ADVENTURE BEGINS...
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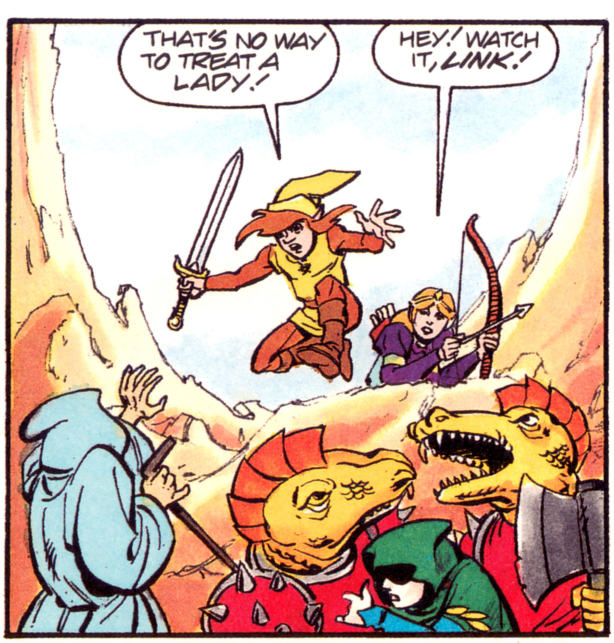
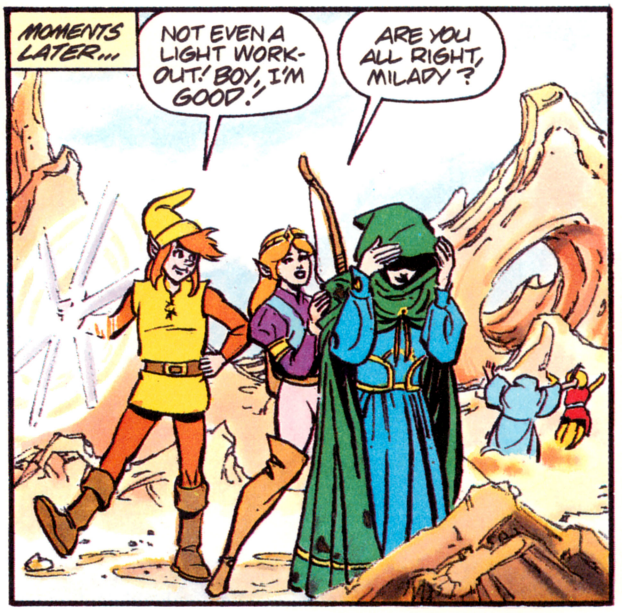
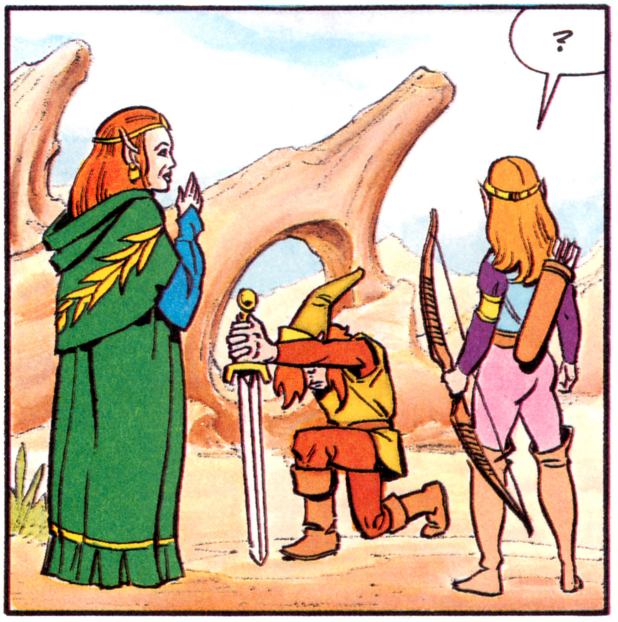



MOMENTS LATER...
NOT EVEN A LIGHT WORK-OUT! BOY, I'M GOOD!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MILADY?

I AM QUITE UNHARMED, THANKS TO THE TWO OF YOU.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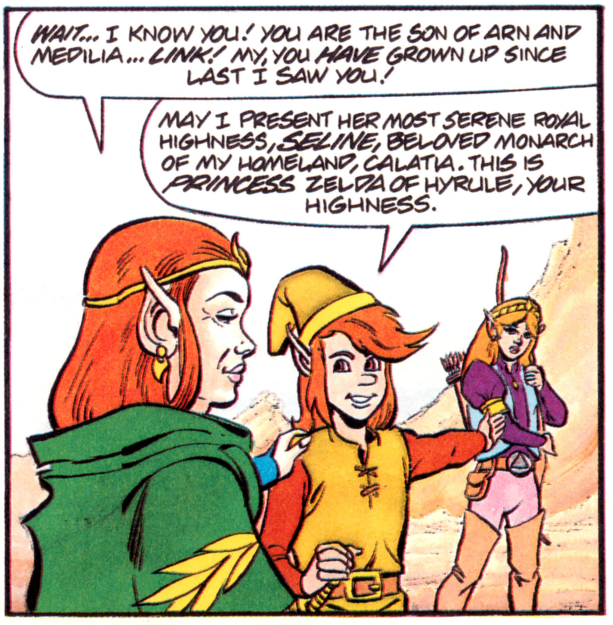
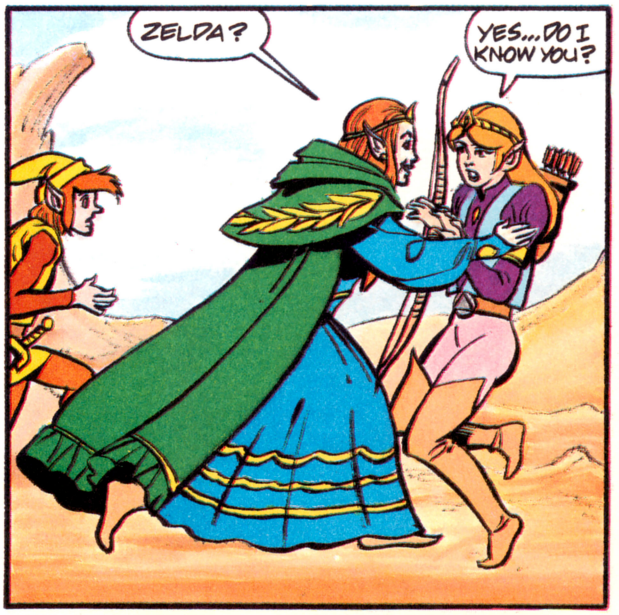
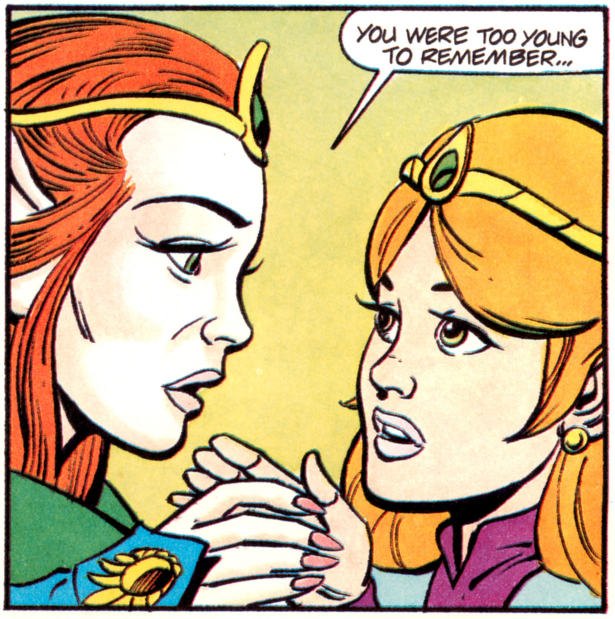
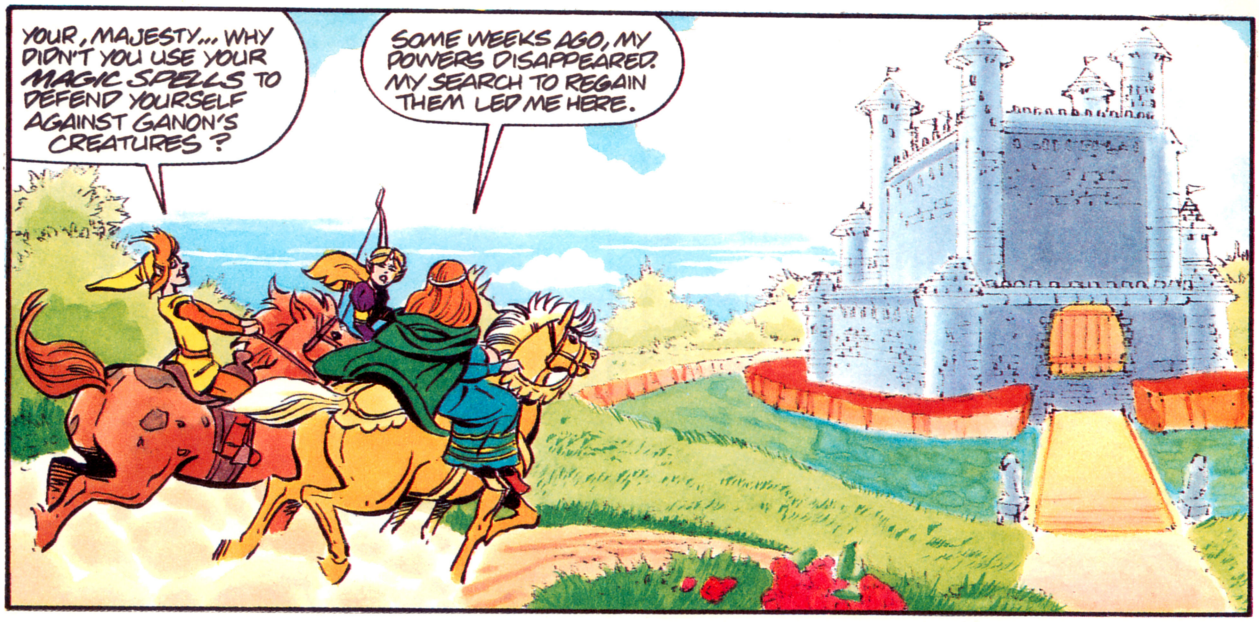
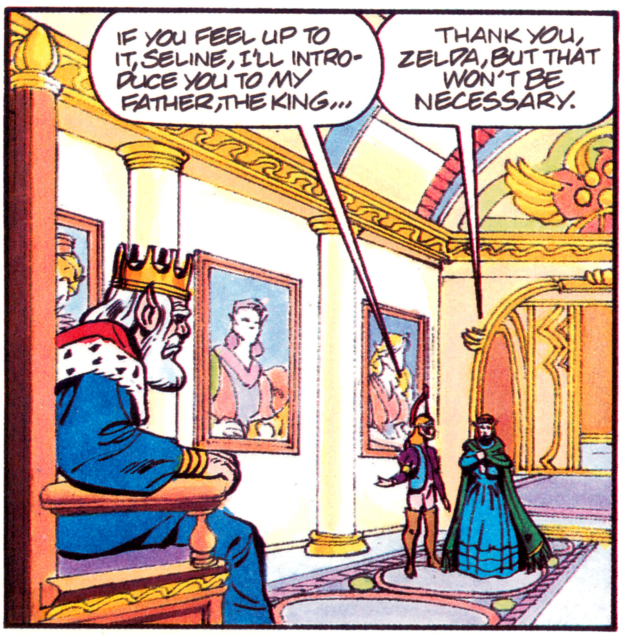

WAIT... I KNOW YOU! YOU ARE THE SON OF ARN AND MEDILIA... LINK! MY, YOU HAVE GROWN UP SINCE LAST I SAW YOU!
MAY I PRESENT HER MOST SERENE ROYAL HIGHNESS, SELINE, BELOVED MONARCH OF MY HOMELAND, CALATIA. THIS IS PRINCESS ZELDA OF HYRULE, YOUR HIGHNESS.

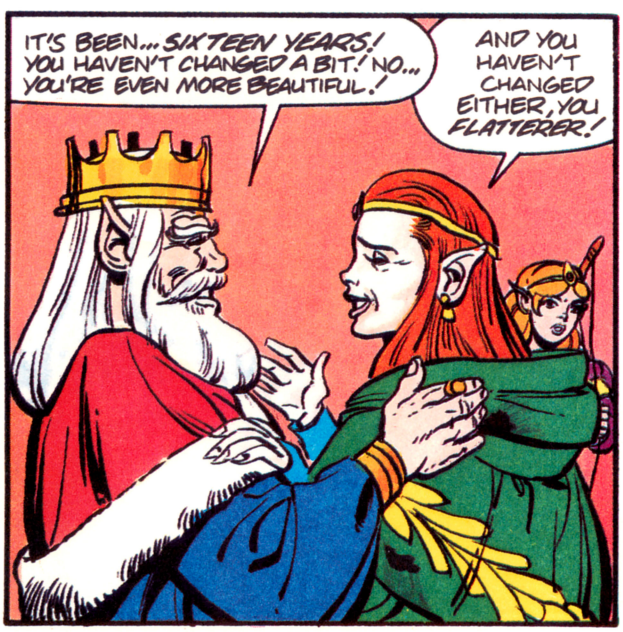

ZELDA?
YES... DO I KNOW YOU?

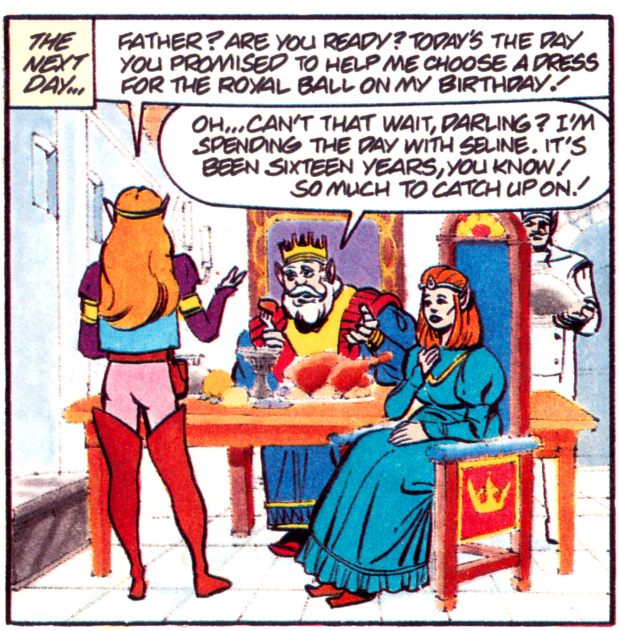

YOU WERE TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER...

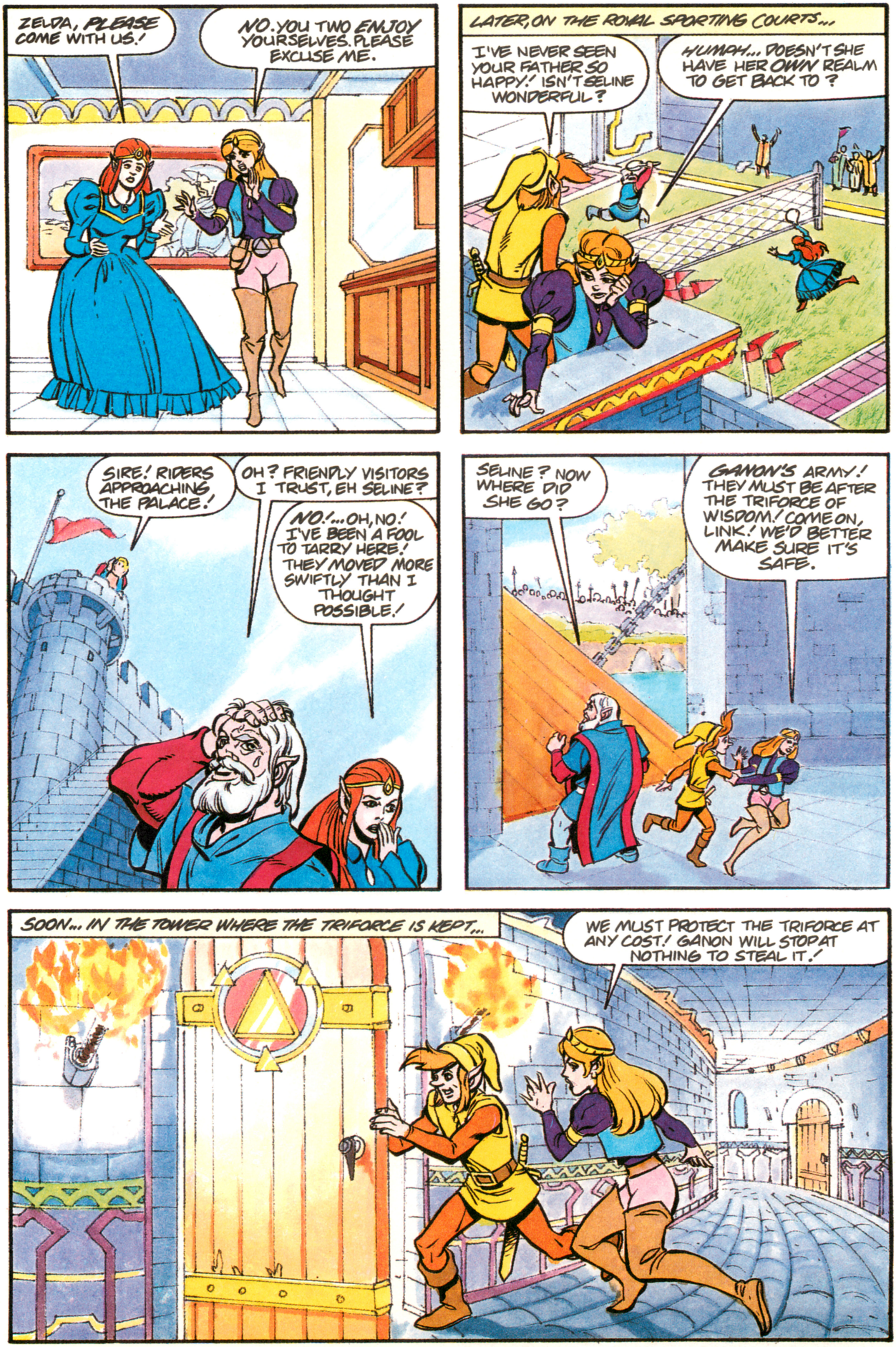

YOUR, MAJESTY... WHY DIDN'T YOU USE YOUR MAGIC SPELLS TO DEFEND YOURSELF AGAINST GANON'S CREATURES?
SOME WEEKS AGO, MY POWERS DISAPPEARED. MY SEARCH TO REGAIN THEM LED ME HERE.

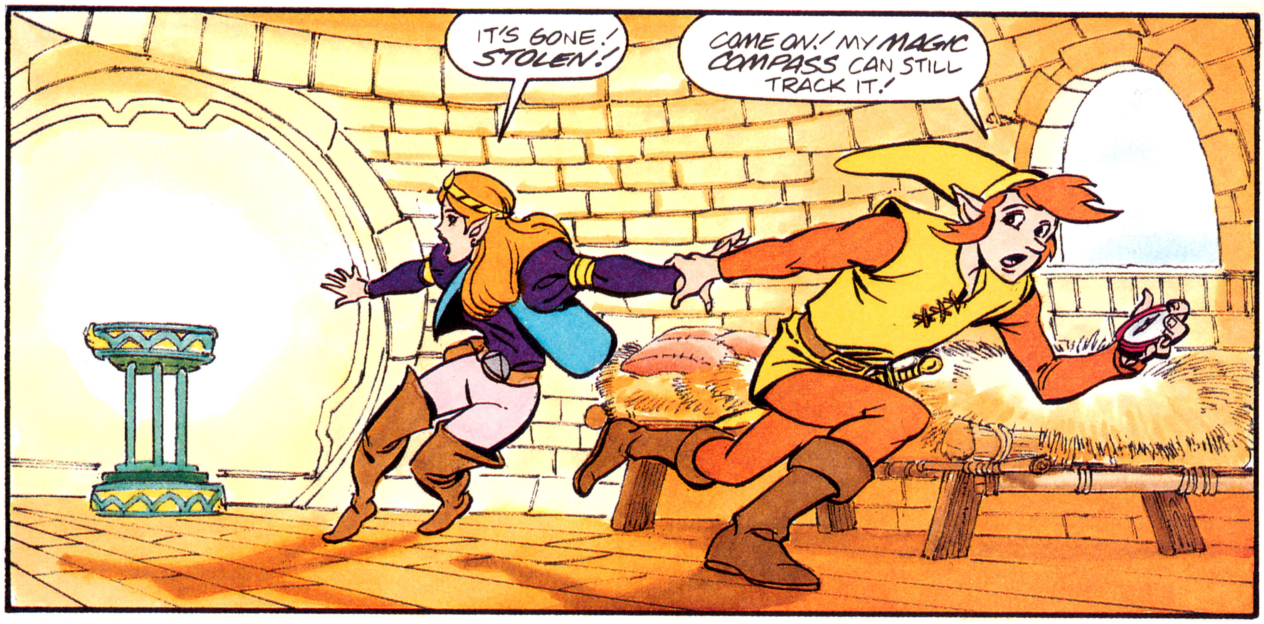

IF YOU FEEL UP TO IT, SELINE, I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO MY FATHER, THE KING...
THANK YOU, ZELDA, BUT THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.

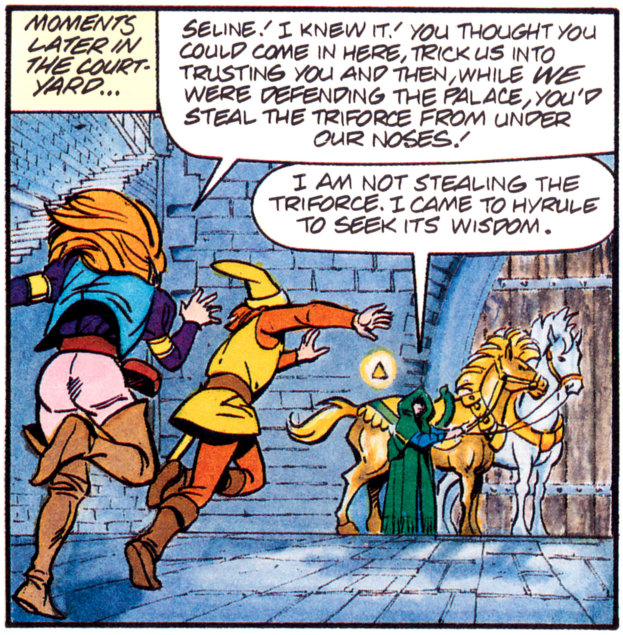
HARKINIAN!
SELINE...?
SELINE!

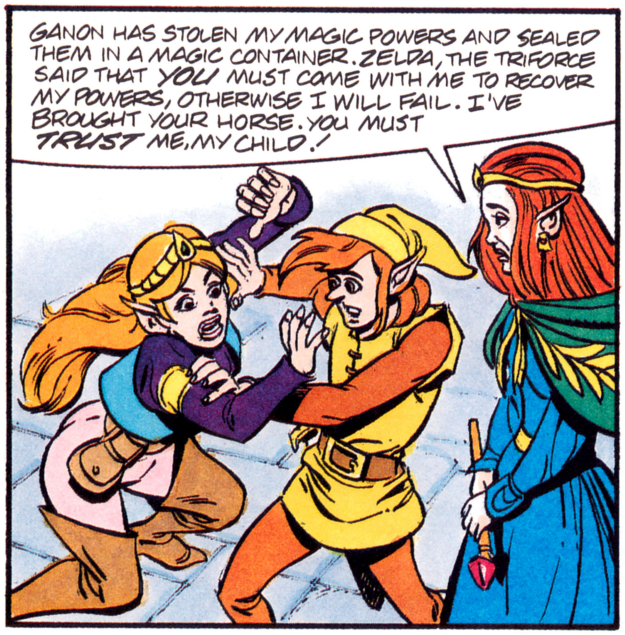

IT'S BEEN... SIXTEEN YEARS! YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT! NO... YOU'RE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL!
AND YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED EITHER, YOU FLATTERER!

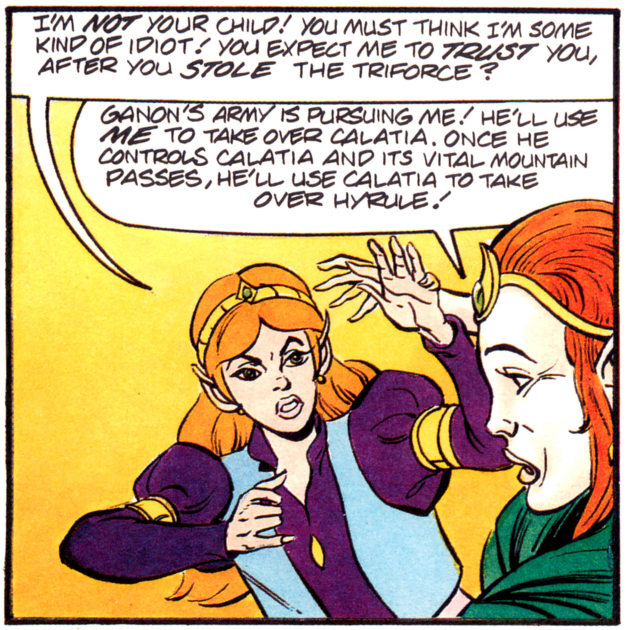

THE NEXT DAY...
FATHER? ARE YOU READY? TODAY'S THE DAY YOU PROMISED TO HELP ME CHOOSE A DRESS FOR THE ROYAL BALL ON MY BIRTHDAY!
OH... CAN'T THAT WAIT, DARLING? I'M SPENDING THE DAY WITH SELINE. IT'S BEEN SIXTEEN YEARS, YOU KNOW! SO MUCH TO CATCH UP ON!

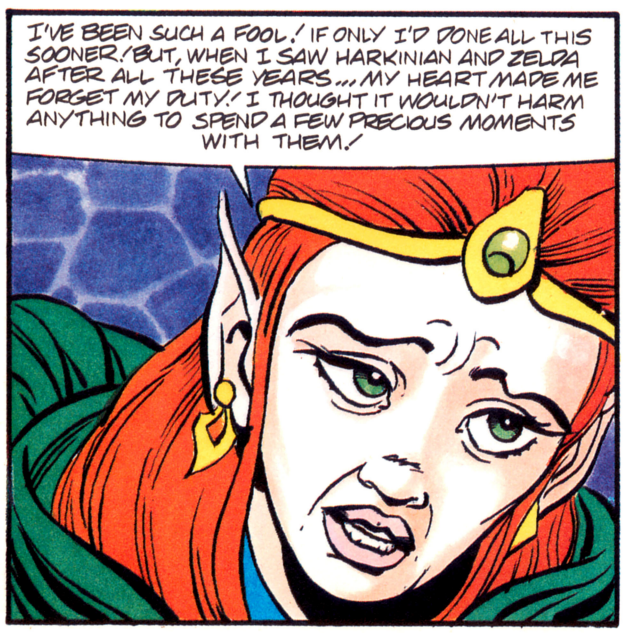

ZELDA, PLEASE COME WITH US.!
NO. YOU TWO ENJOY YOURSELVES. PLEASE EXCUSE ME.
LATER, ON THE ROYAL SPORTING COURTS...
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR FATHER SO HAPPY.! ISN'T SELINE WONDERFUL?
HUMPH... DOESN'T SHE HAVE HER OWN REALM TO GET BACK TO?
SIRE! RIDERS APPROACHING THE PALACE.!
OH? FRIENDLY VISITORS I TRUST, EH SELINE?
NO.!... OH, NO.! I'VE BEEN A FOOL TO TARRY HERE.! THEY MOVED MORE SWIFTLY THAN I THOUGHT POSSIBLE.!
SELINE? NOW WHERE DID SHE GO?
GANON'S ARMY.! THEY MUST BE AFTER THE TRIFORCE OF WISDOM.! COME ON, LINK.! WE'D BETTER MAKE SURE IT'S SAFE.
SOON... IN THE TOWER WHERE THE TRIFORCE IS KEPT...
WE MUST PROTECT THE TRIFORCE AT ANY COST.! GANON WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO STEAL IT.!

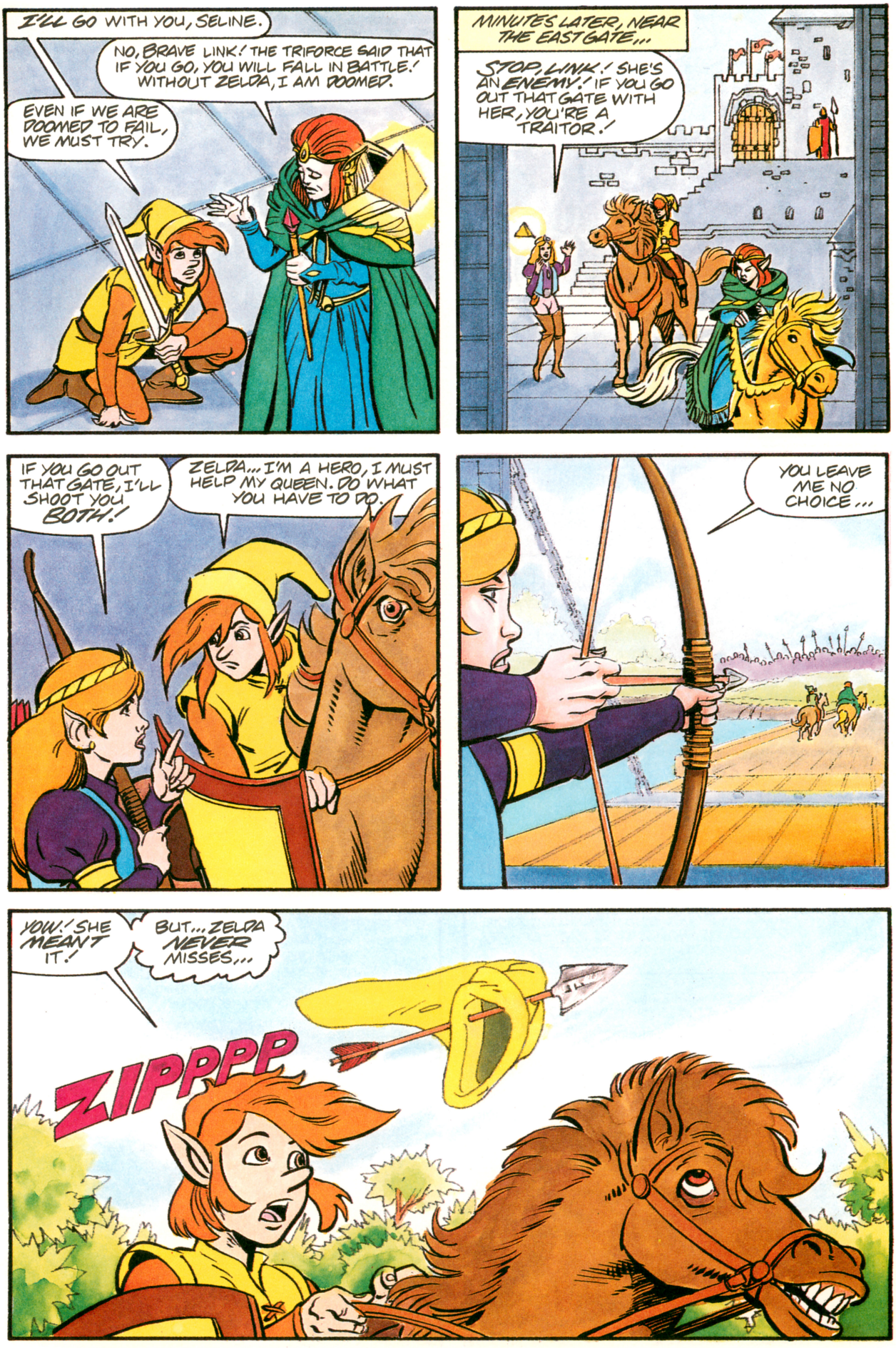

IT'S GONE! STOLEN!
COME ON! MY MAGIC COMPASS CAN STILL TRACK IT!

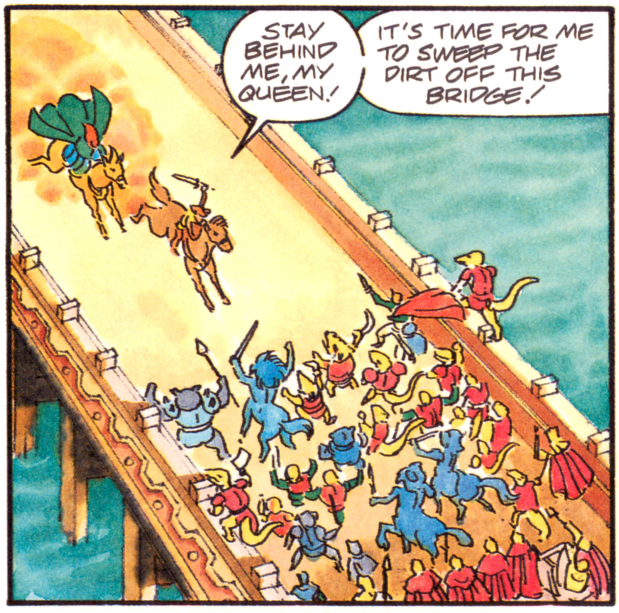

MOMENTS LATER IN THE COURT-YARD...
SELINE! I KNEW IT! YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD COME IN HERE, TRICK US INTO TRUSTING YOU AND THEN, WHILE WE WERE DEFENDING THE PALACE, YOU'D STEAL THE TRIFORCE FROM UNDER OUR NOSES!
I AM NOT STEALING THE TRIFORCE. I CAME TO HYRULE TO SEEK ITS WISDOM.

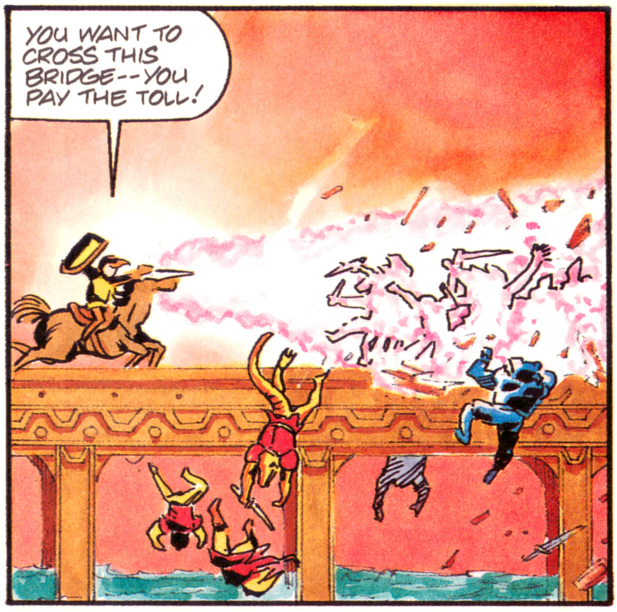

GANON HAS STOLEN MY MAGIC POWERS AND SEALED THEM IN A MAGIC CONTAINER. ZELDA, THE TRIFORCE SAID THAT YOU MUST COME WITH ME TO RECOVER MY POWERS, OTHERWISE I WILL FAIL. I'VE BROUGHT YOUR HORSE. YOU MUST TRUST ME, MY CHILD!

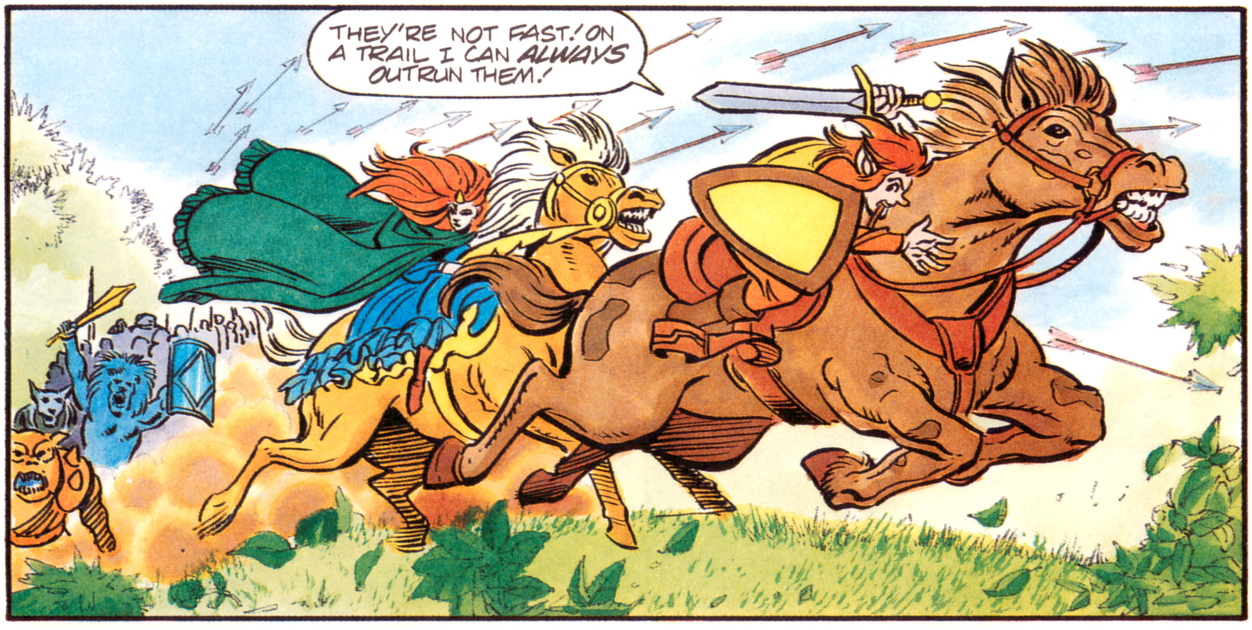

I'M NOT YOUR CHILD! YOU MUST THINK I'M SOME KIND OF IDIOT! YOU EXPECT ME TO TRUST YOU, AFTER YOU STOLE THE TRIFORCE?
GANON'S ARMY IS PURSUING ME! HE'LL USE ME TO TAKE OVER CALATIA. ONCE HE CONTROLS CALATIA AND ITS VITAL MOUNTAIN PASSES, HE'LL USE CALATIA TO TAKE OVER HYRULE!


I'VE BEEN SUCH A FOOL! IF ONLY I'D DONE ALL THIS SOONER! BUT, WHEN I SAW HARKINIAN AND ZELDA AFTER ALL THESE YEARS... MY HEART MADE ME FORGET MY DUTY! I THOUGHT IT WOULDN'T HARM ANYTHING TO SPEND A FEW PRECIOUS MOMENTS WITH THEM!

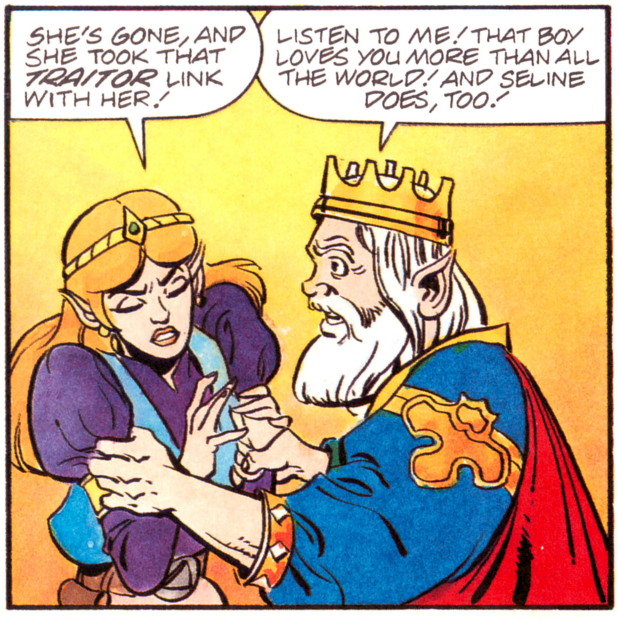

I'LL GO WITH YOU, SELINE.
NO, BRAVE LINK! THE TRIFORCE SAID THAT IF YOU GO, YOU WILL FALL IN BATTLE! WITHOUT ZELDA, I AM DOOMED.
EVEN IF WE ARE DOOMED TO FAIL, WE MUST TRY.
MINUTES LATER, NEAR THE EAST GATE...
STOP, LINK! SHE'S AN ENEMY! IF YOU GO OUT THAT GATE WITH HER, YOU'RE A TRAITOR!
IF YOU GO OUT THAT GATE, I'LL SHOOT YOU BOTH!
ZELDA... I'M A HERO, I MUST HELP MY QUEEN. DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.
YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE...
WOW! SHE MEANT IT!
BUT... ZELDA NEVER MISSES...
ZIPPPP


STAY BEHIND ME, MY QUEEN!
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO SWEEP THE DIRT OFF THIS BRIDGE!


YOU WANT TO CROSS THIS BRIDGE--YOU PAY THE TOLL!

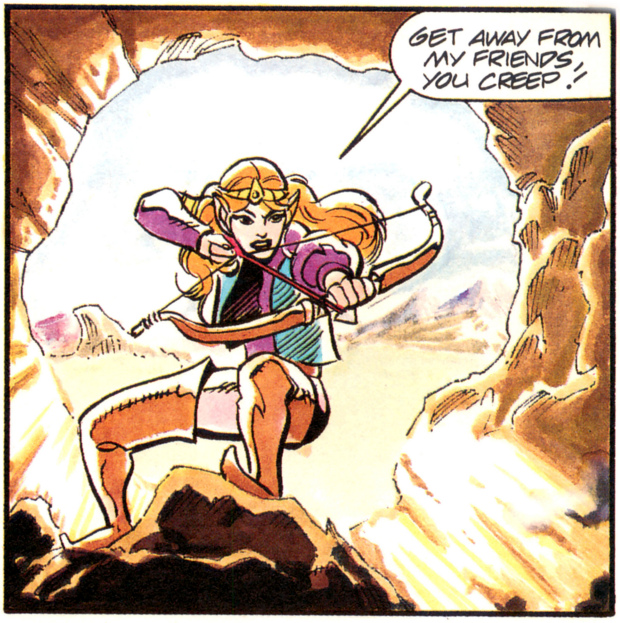

THEY'RE NOT FAST! ON A TRAIL I CAN ALWAYS OUTRUN THEM!

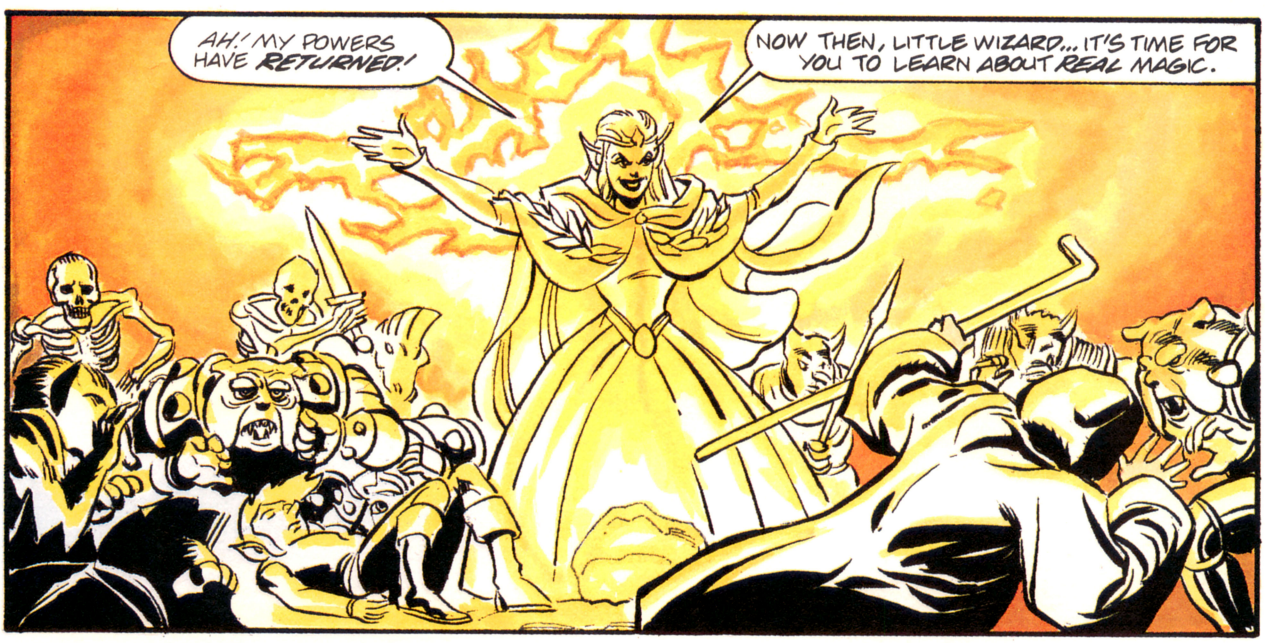
CAPTAIN KRIN! STATION ALL GUARDS ON THE WALLS, RAISE BRIDGES, PREPARE THE CATAPULTS! QUICKLY, MEN--THE PALACE IS UNDER ATTACK!
ZELDA! WHERE'S SELINE?


SHE'S GONE, AND SHE TOOK THAT TRAITOR LINK WITH HER!
LISTEN TO ME! THAT BOY LOVES YOU MORE THAN ALL THE WORLD! AND SELINE DOES, TOO!

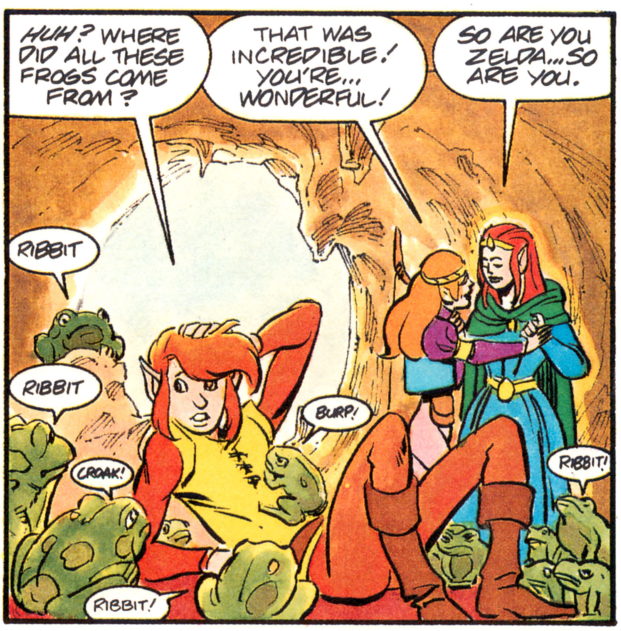
LATER, IN A MYSTERIOUS CAVE TO THE SOUTH WEST OF THE NORTH PALACE...
THE MAGIC CONTAINER IS THE KEY--! IF WE CAN BREAK IT OPEN, MY POWERS WILL RETURN!
DESTROY HIM, HE'S ONLY ONE MAN!
Uhn!
LINK!
I HAVE YOU NOW!
PLEASE... LET THE BOY LIVE!

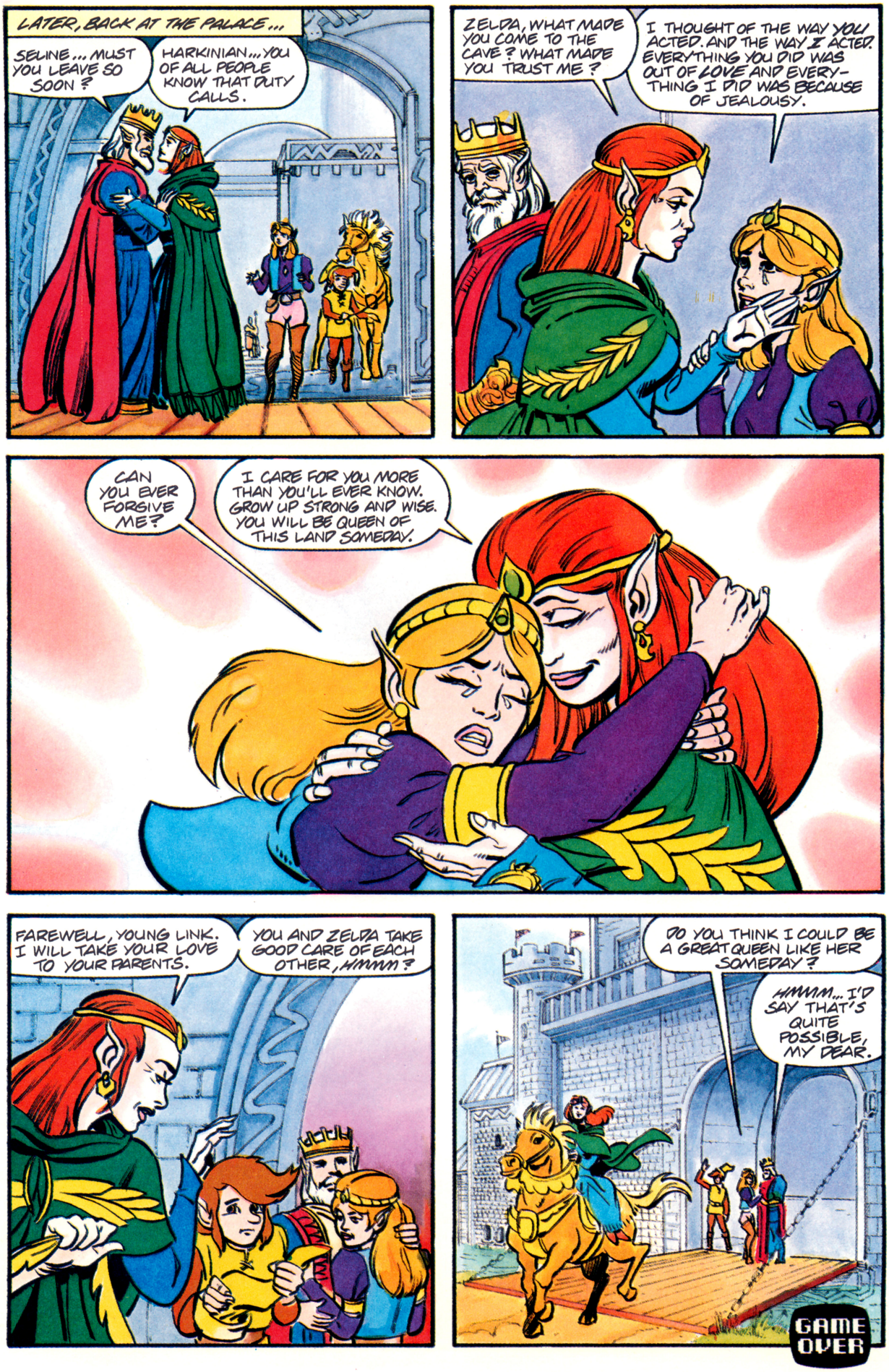
WHAT? WHO DARES?


GET AWAY FROM MY FRIENDS, YOU CREEP!


AH! MY POWERS HAVE RETURNED!
NOW THEN, LITTLE WIZARD... IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LEARN ABOUT REAL MAGIC.

XOXEAW!


HUH? WHERE DID ALL THESE FROGS COME FROM?
THAT WAS INCREDIBLE! YOU'RE... WONDERFUL!
SO ARE YOU ZELDA... SO ARE YOU.
RIBBIT
RIBBIT
CROAK!
BURP!
RIBBIT!
RIBBIT!


LATER, BACK AT THE PALACE...
SELINE... MUST YOU LEAVE SO SOON?
HARKINIAN... YOU OF ALL PEOPLE KNOW THAT DUTY CALLS.
ZELDA, WHAT MADE YOU COME TO THE CAVE? WHAT MADE YOU TRUST ME?
I THOUGHT OF THE WAY YOU ACTED. AND THE WAY I ACTED. EVERYTHING YOU DID WAS OUT OF LOVE AND EVERYTHING I DID WAS BECAUSE OF JEALOUSY.
CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?
I CARE FOR YOU MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW. GROW UP STRONG AND WISE. YOU WILL BE QUEEN OF THIS LAND SOMEDAY.
FAREWELL, YOUNG LINK. I WILL TAKE YOUR LOVE TO YOUR PARENTS.
YOU AND ZELDA TAKE GOOD CARE OF EACH OTHER, HMMM?
DO YOU THINK I COULD BE A GREAT QUEEN LIKE HER SOMEDAY?
HMMM... I'D SAY THAT'S QUITE POSSIBLE, MY DEAR.
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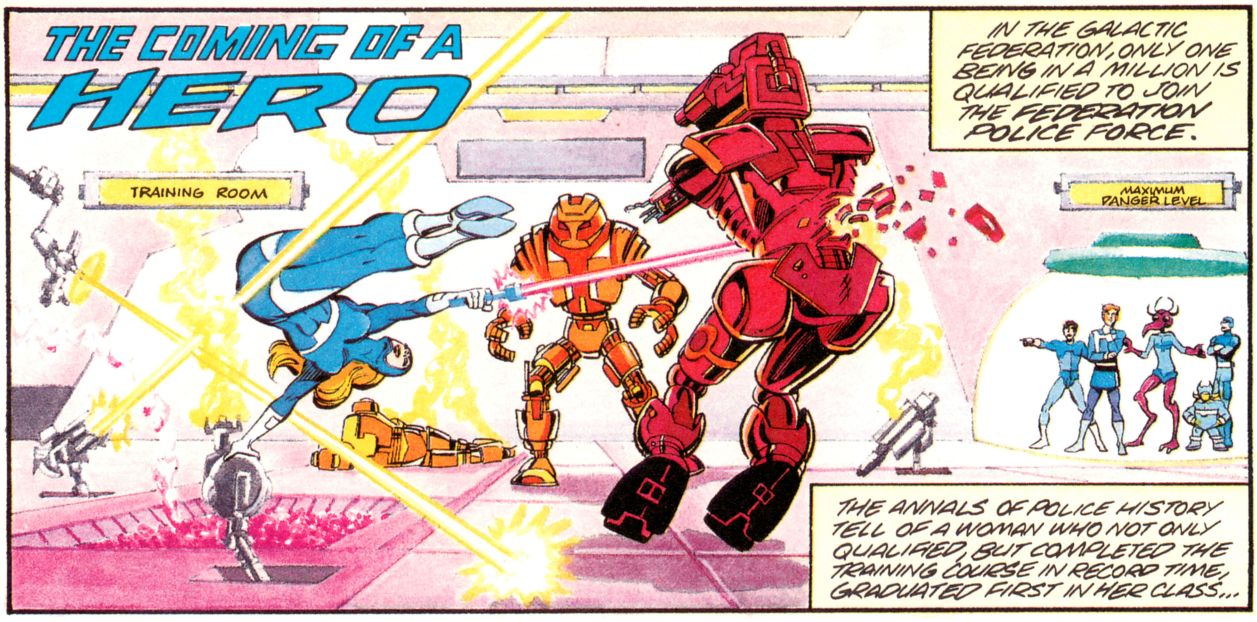
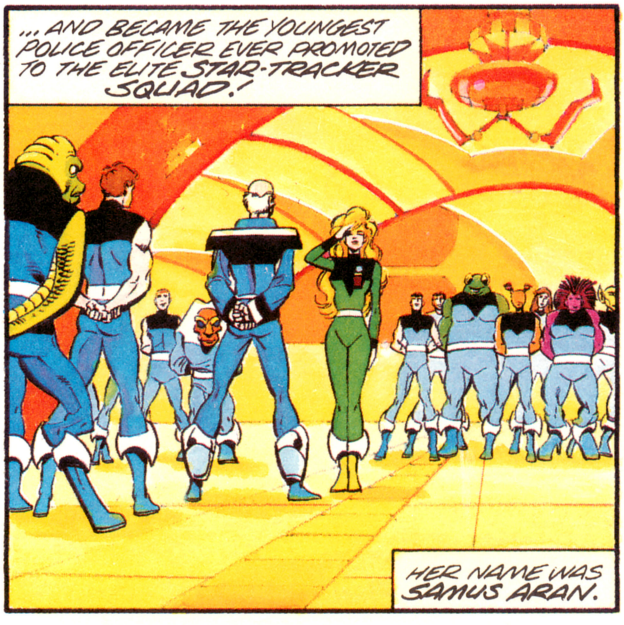
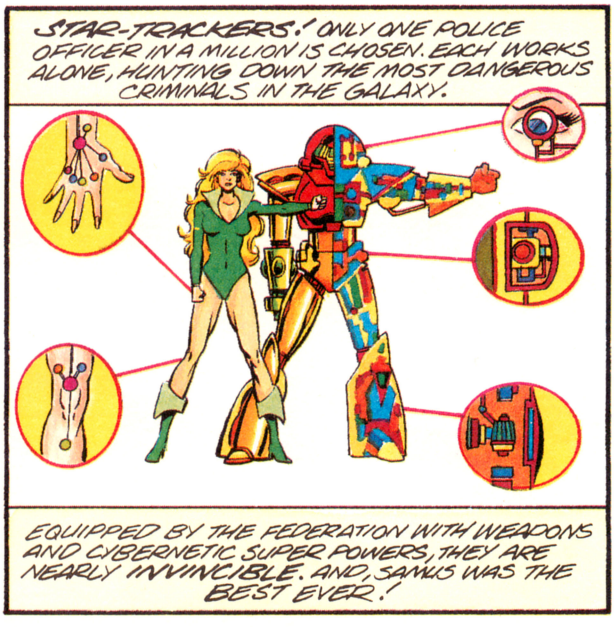
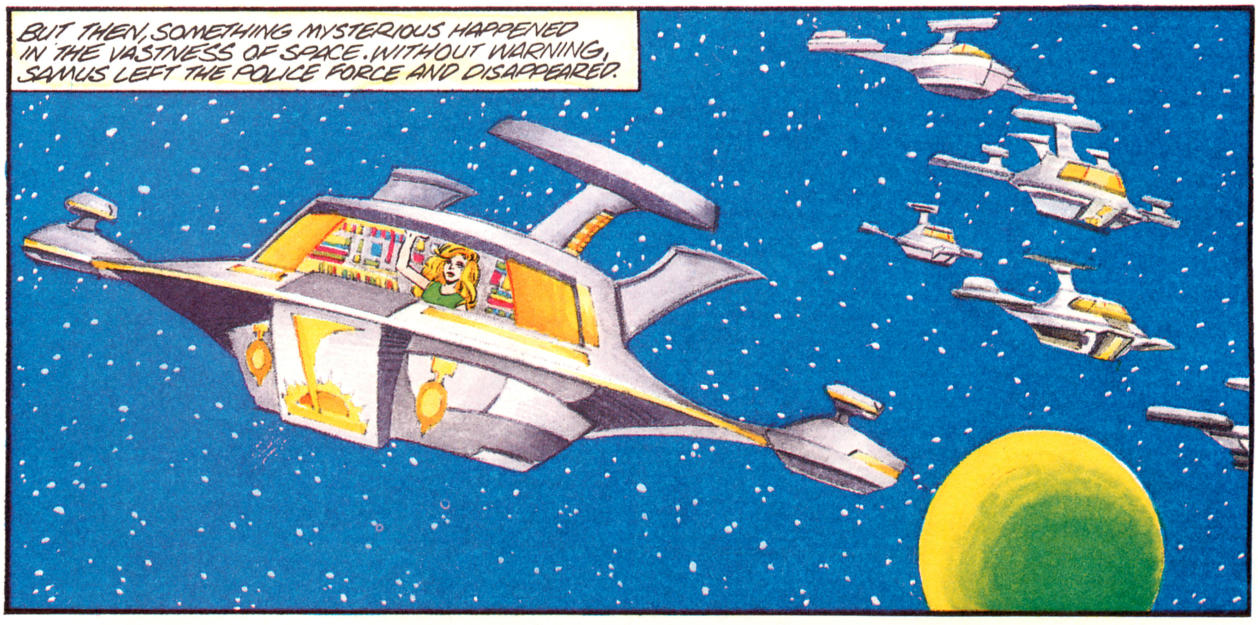
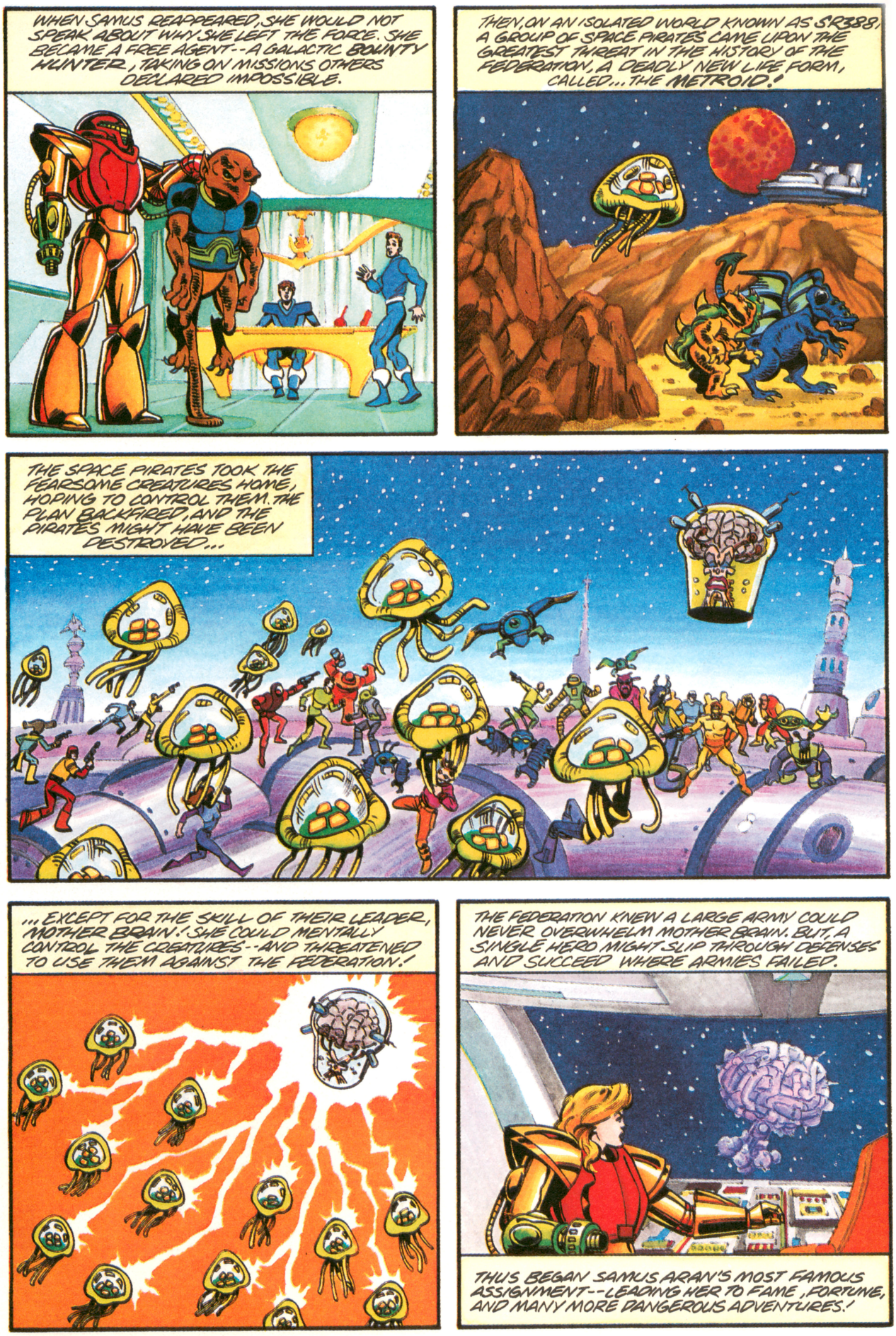






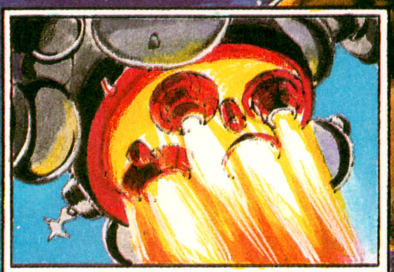



WHEN SAMUS REAPPEARED, SHE WOULD NOT SPEAK ABOUT WHY SHE LEFT THE FORCE. SHE BECAME A FREE AGENT--A GALACTIC BOUNTY HUNTER, TAKING ON MISSIONS OTHERS DECLARED IMPOSSIBLE.
THEN, ON AN ISOLATED WORLD KNOWN AS SR388, A GROUP OF SPACE PIRATES CAME UPON THE GREATEST THREAT IN THE HISTORY OF THE FEDERATION, A DEADLY NEW LIFE FORM, CALLED... THE METROID!
THE SPACE PIRATES TOOK THE FEARSOME CREATURES HOME, HOPING TO CONTROL THEM. THE PLAN BACKFIRED, AND THE PIRATES MIGHT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED...
...EXCEPT FOR THE SKILL OF THEIR LEADER, MOTHER BRAIN! SHE COULD MENTALLY CONTROL THE CREATURES--AND THREATENED TO USE THEM AGAINST THE FEDERATION!
THE FEDERATION KNEW A LARGE ARMY COULD NEVER OVERWHELM MOTHER BRAIN. BUT, A SINGLE HERO MIGHT SLIP THROUGH DEFENSES AND SUCCEED WHERE ARMIES FAILED.
THUS BEGAN SAMUS ARAN'S MOST FAMOUS ASSIGNMENT--LEADING HER TO FAME, FORTUNE, AND MANY MORE DANGEROUS ADVENTURES!

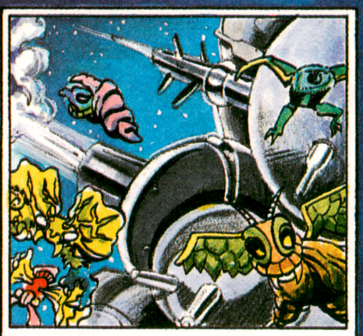
By George Caragonne, Mickey Ritter, Jan Harpes, Jade

METROID

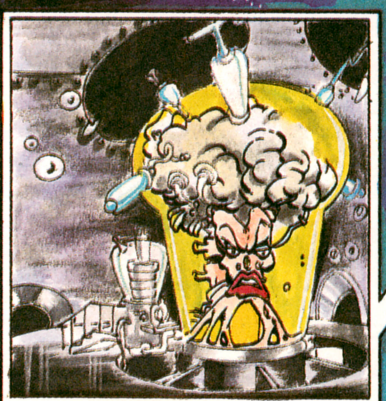
THE ASTEROID KNOWN AS METROID WAS BUILT BY INTER-GALACTIC PIRATES, KNOWN AS THE PLANTEERS OF KROM. THEY DESIGNED IT AS A MOBILE ATTACK BASE TO STRIKE OTHER WORLDS, FAR BEYOND THEIR HOME PLANET, ZEBES.



METROID NORMALLY FLOATS IN SPACE ABOVE VIDEOLAND. BUT, WITH ITS POWERFUL MEGA-STAR DRIVE ENGINES, IT CAN BE MOVED ANYWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE.



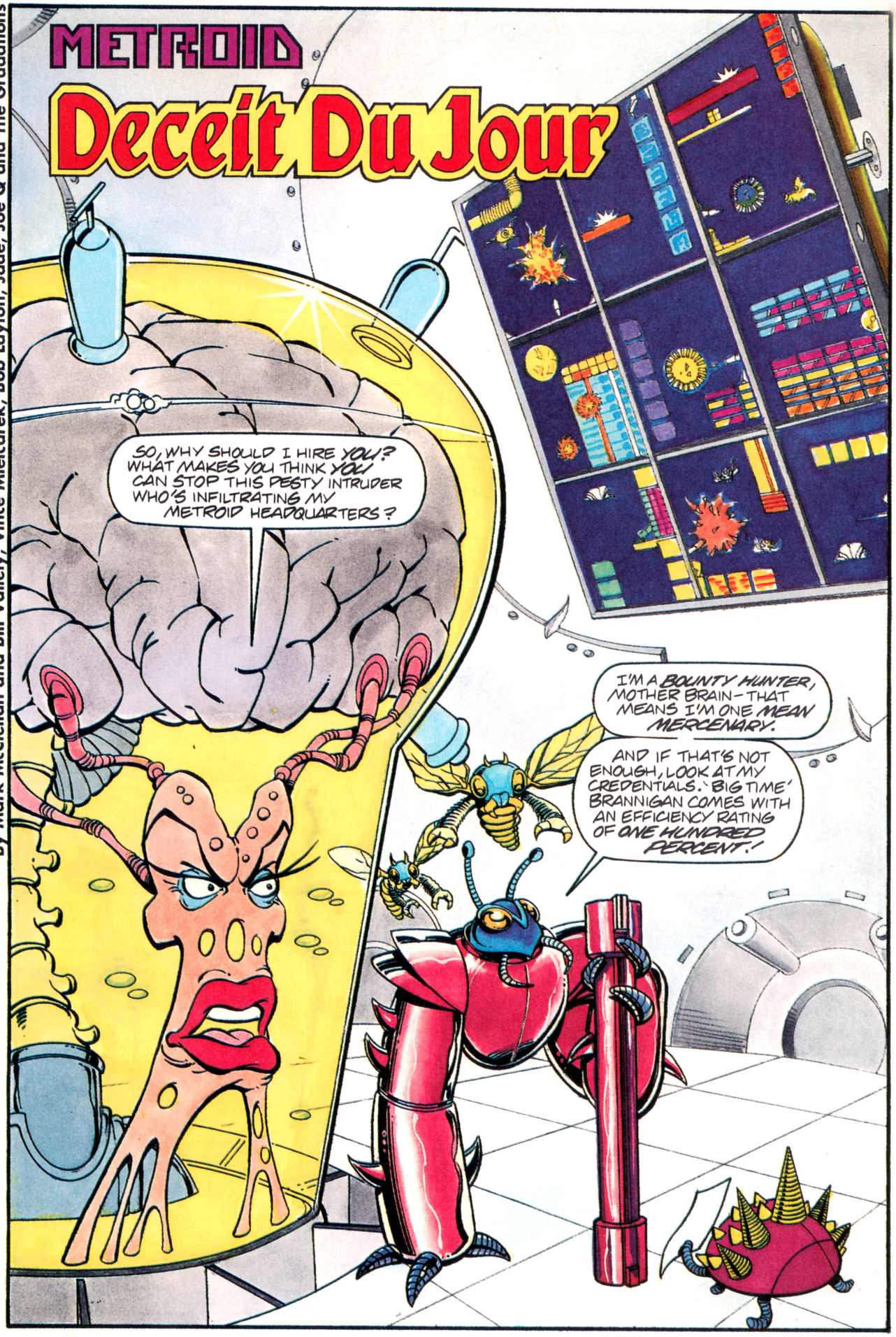
METROID'S METALLIC SURFACE CONCEALS A HUGE ARRAY OF DEADLY WEAPONS, ALL MAINTAINED AND PATROLLED BY MONSTROUS CREATURES BENT ON GALACTIC DOMINATION!



METROID'S DEADLIEST THREAT, HOWEVER, LIES DEEP INSIDE THE ASTEROID. HERE, WITHIN THE ENDLESS SECRET CORRIDORS, DWELLS THE SMARTEST MOST FEARSOME FOE OF ALL ... MOTHER BRAIN!

MOTHER BRAIN COMPLETELY CONTROLS METROID, BY HER GENIUS ABILITY TO PROGRAM EVERY ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT TO DO HER BIDDING! BUT, SHE IS ALSO DEPENDENT ON METROID; SHE NEEDS THE ASTEROID'S SUPPLY OF ZEEBETITE FOR POWER.

THAT'S WHY METROID ITSELF IS THE KEY WEAPON IN MOTHER BRAIN'S TIRELESS STRUGGLE TO CONQUER VIDEOLAND!


METROID
Deceit Du Jour
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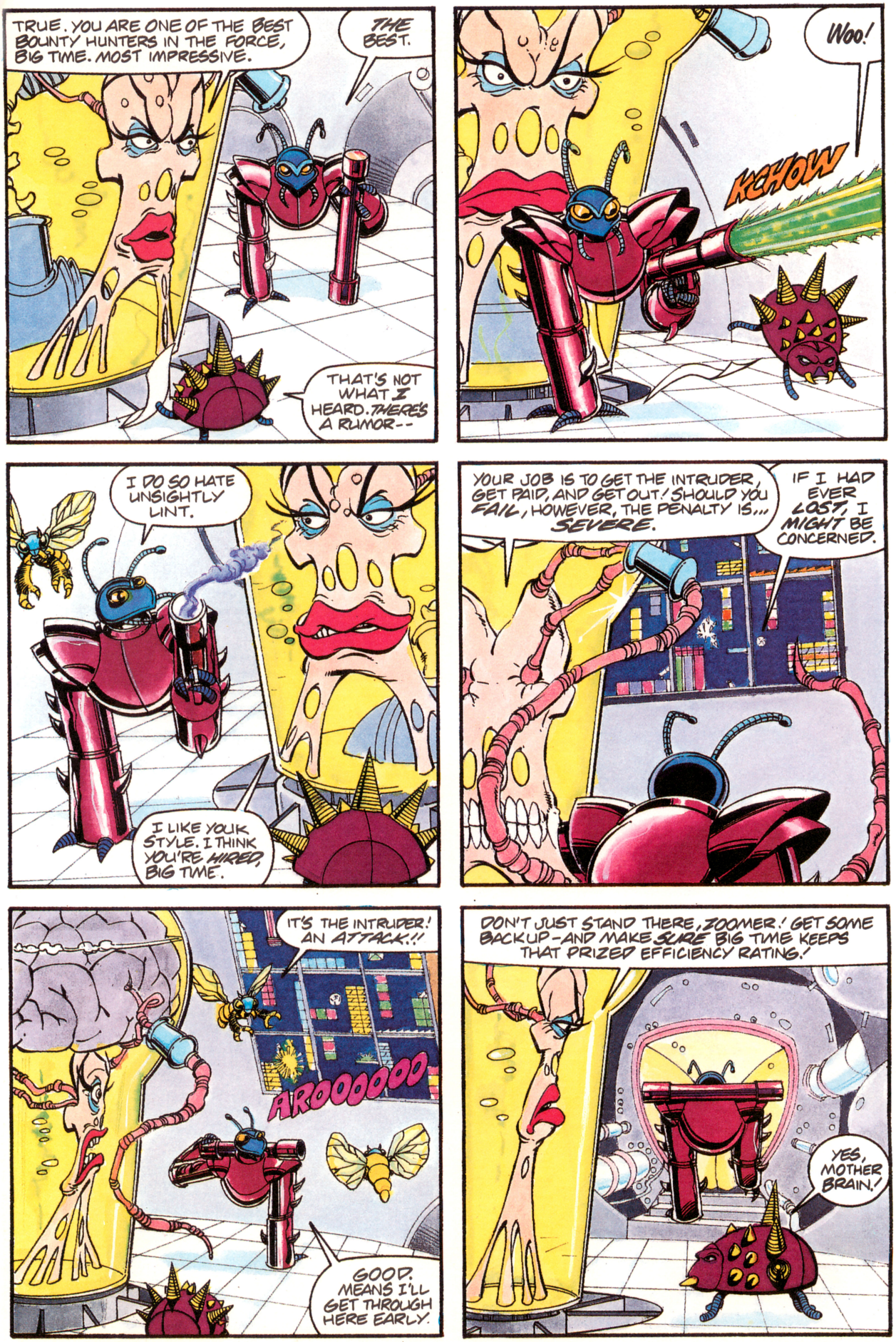
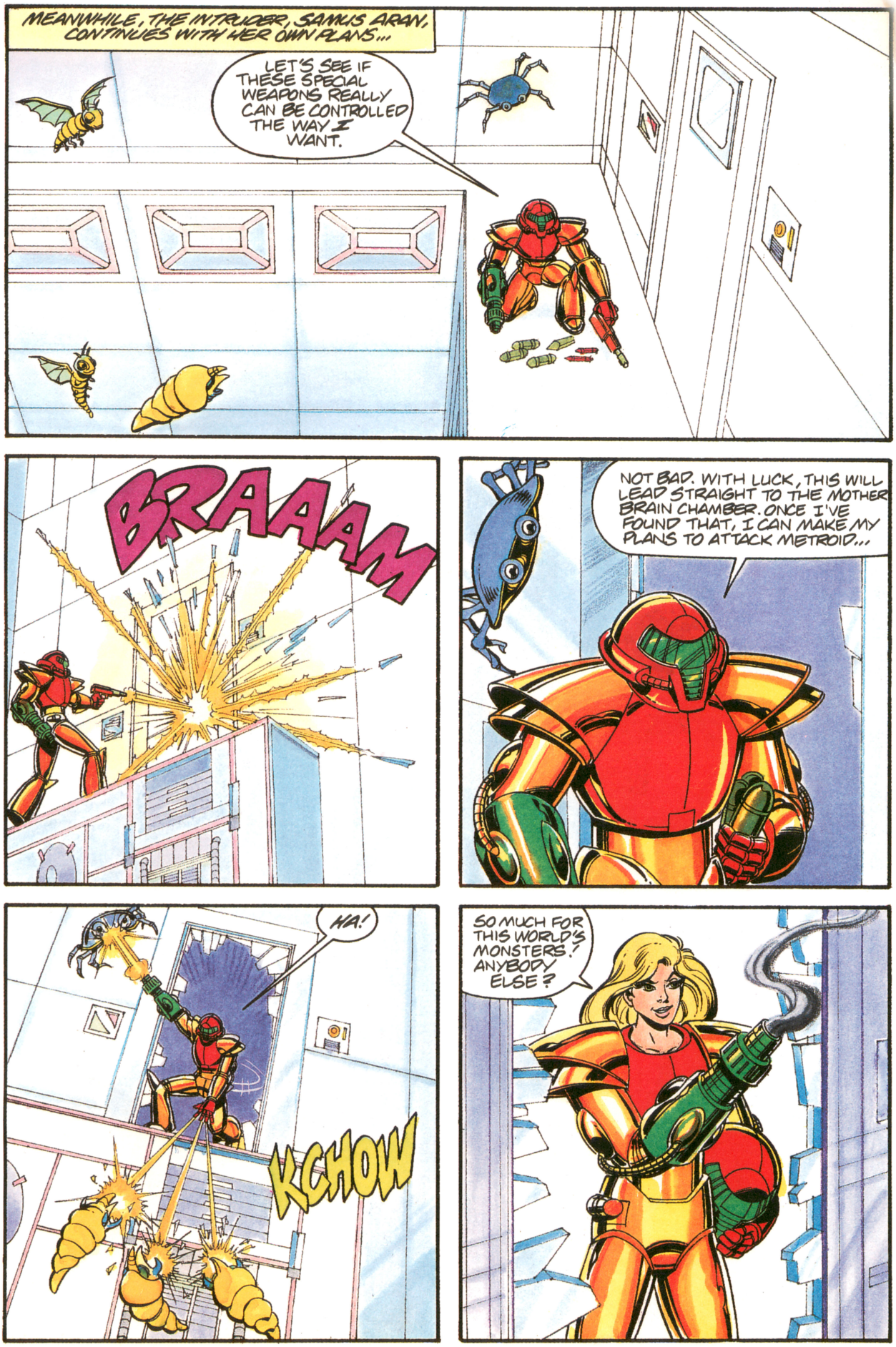
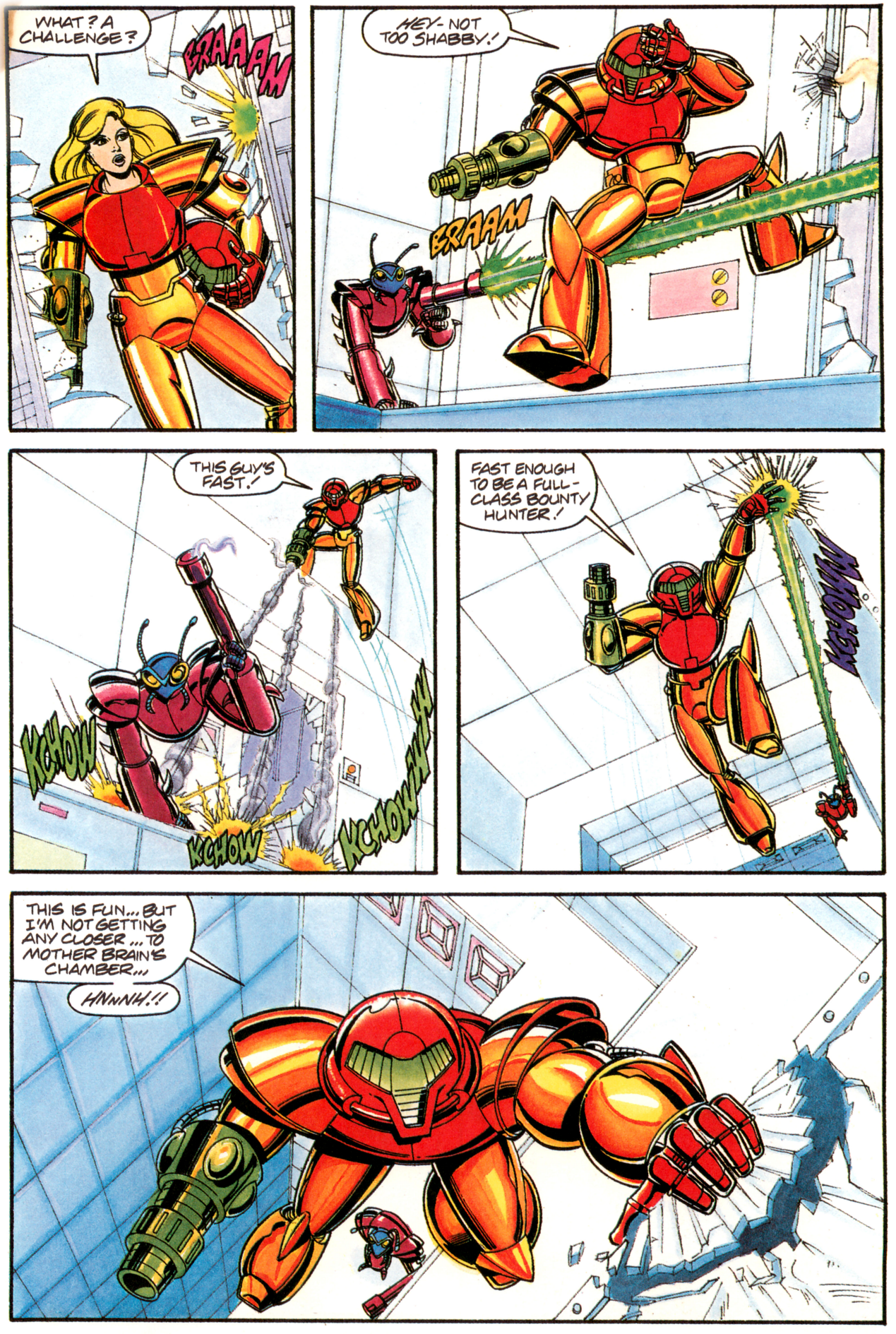
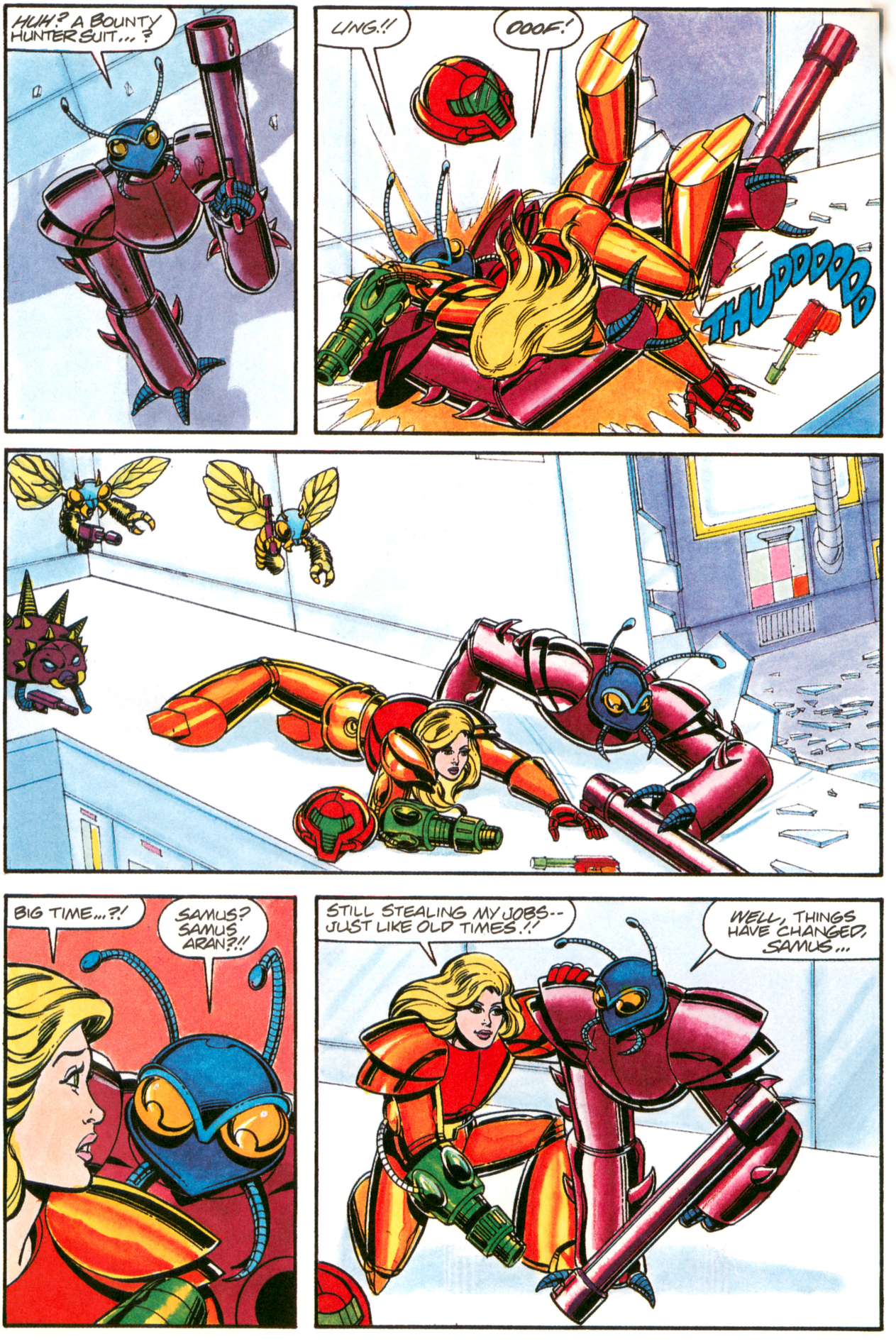
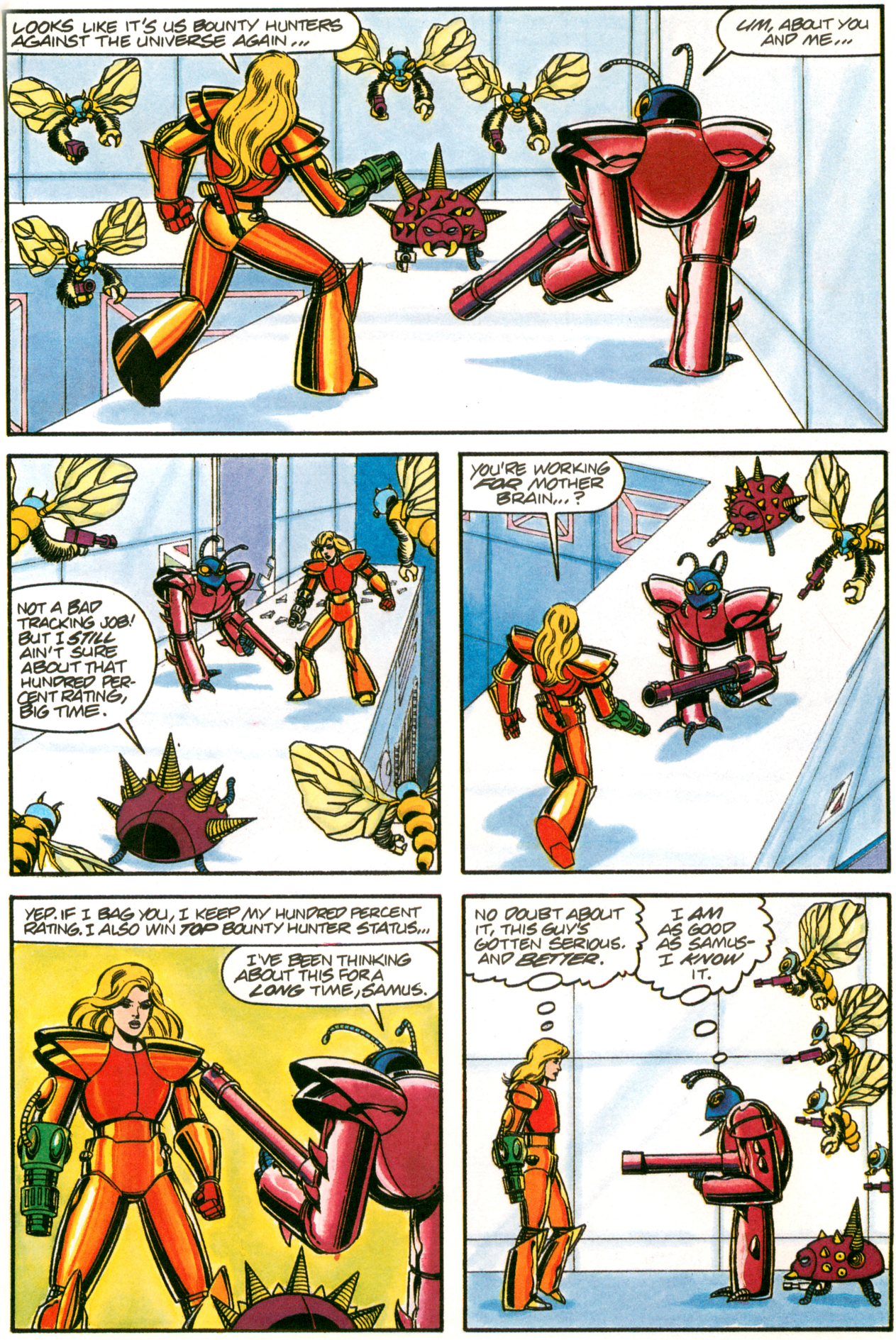
SO, WHY SHOULD I HIRE YOU? WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN STOP THIS PESTY INTRUDER WHO'S INFILTRATING MY METROID HEADQUARTERS?
I'M A BOUNTY HUNTER, MOTHER BRAIN - THAT MEANS I'M ONE MEAN MERCENARY.
AND IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, LOOK AT MY CREDENTIALS. 'BIG TIME' BRANNIGAN COMES WITH AN EFFICIENCY RATING OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT!

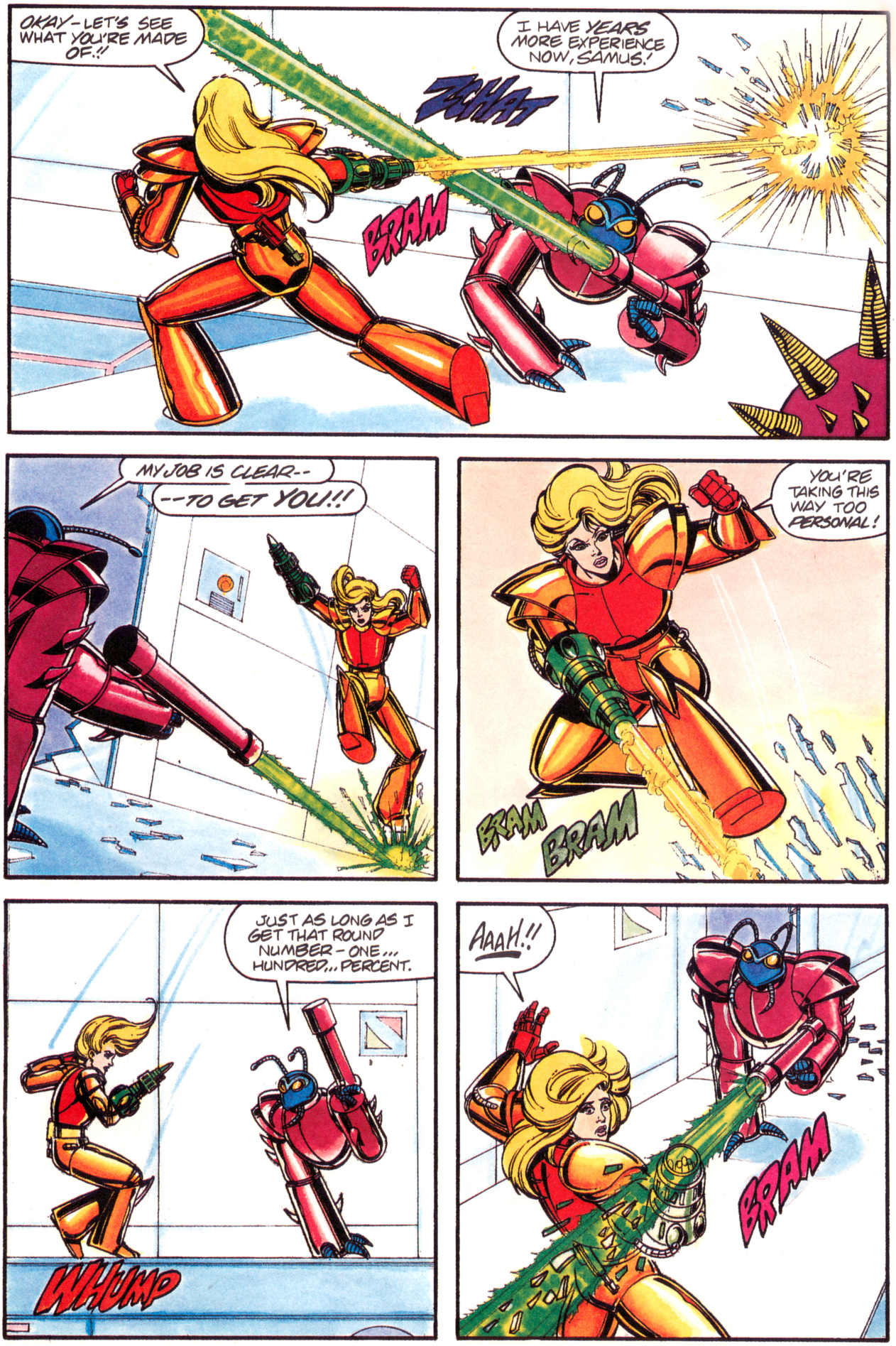

TRUE. YOU ARE ONE OF THE BEST BOUNTY HUNTERS IN THE FORCE, BIG TIME. MOST IMPRESSIVE.
THE BEST.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I HEARD. THERE'S A RUMOR--
WOO!
KCHOW
I DO SO HATE UNSIGHTLY LINT.
I LIKE YOUR STYLE. I THINK YOU'RE HIRED, BIG TIME.
YOUR JOB IS TO GET THE INTRUDER, GET PAID, AND GET OUT. SHOULD YOU FAIL, HOWEVER, THE PENALTY IS... SEVERE.
IF I HAD EVER LOST, I MIGHT BE CONCERNED.
IT'S THE INTRUDER! AN ATTACK!!
ARROOOOOO
GOOD. MEANS I'LL GET THROUGH HERE EARLY.
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, ZOOMER! GET SOME BACKUP - AND MAKE SURE BIG TIME KEEPS THAT PRIZED EFFICIENCY RATING!
YES, MOTHER BRAIN!

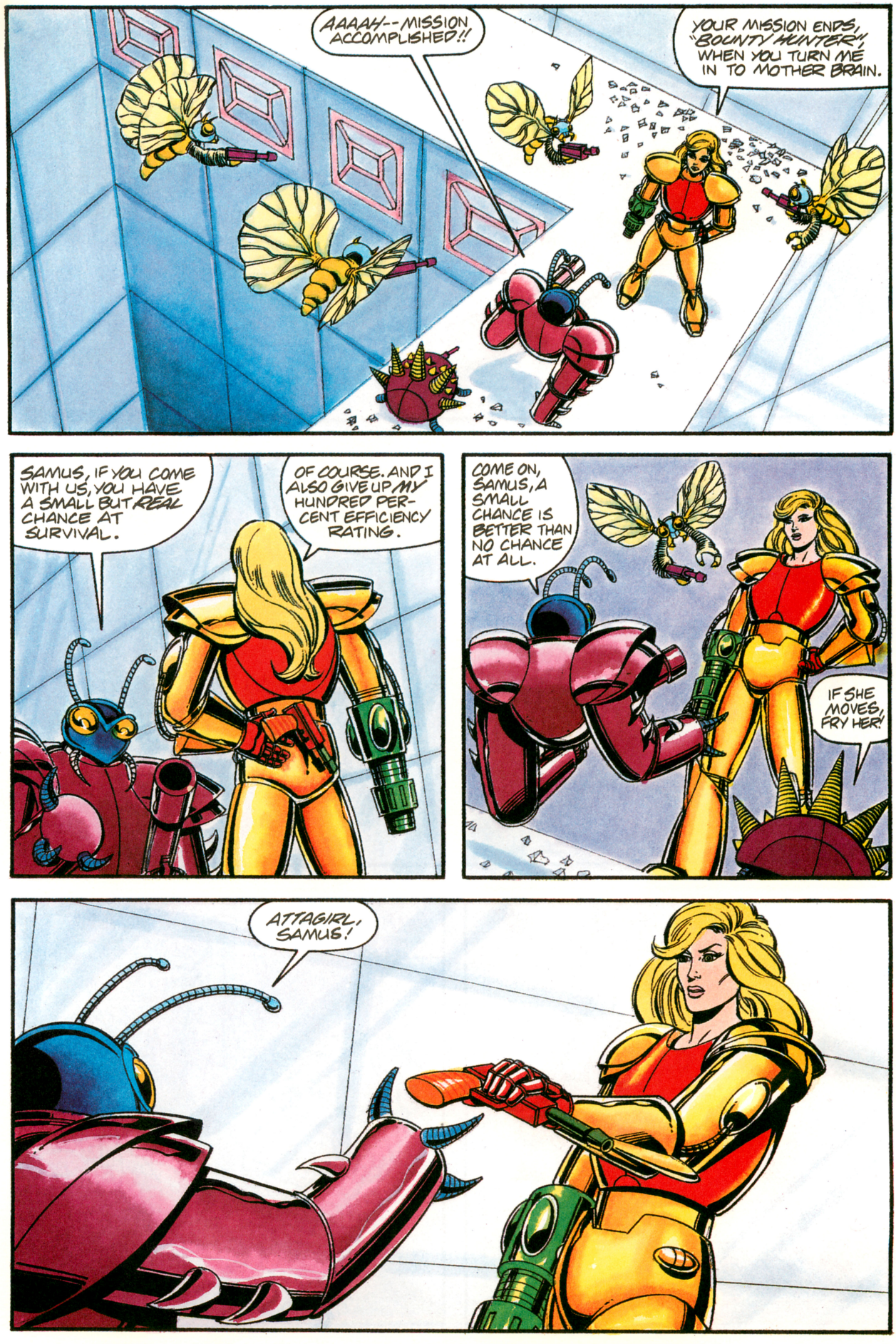

MEANWHILE, THE INTRUDER, SAMUS ARAN, CONTINUES WITH HER OWN PLANS...
LET'S SEE IF THESE SPECIAL WEAPONS REALLY CAN BE CONTROLLED THE WAY I WANT.
BRAAAM
NOT BAD. WITH LUCK, THIS WILL LEAD STRAIGHT TO THE MOTHER BRAIN CHAMBER. ONCE I'VE FOUND THAT, I CAN MAKE MY PLANS TO ATTACK METROID...
HA!
KCHOW
SO MUCH FOR THIS WORLD'S MONSTERS! ANYBODY ELSE?

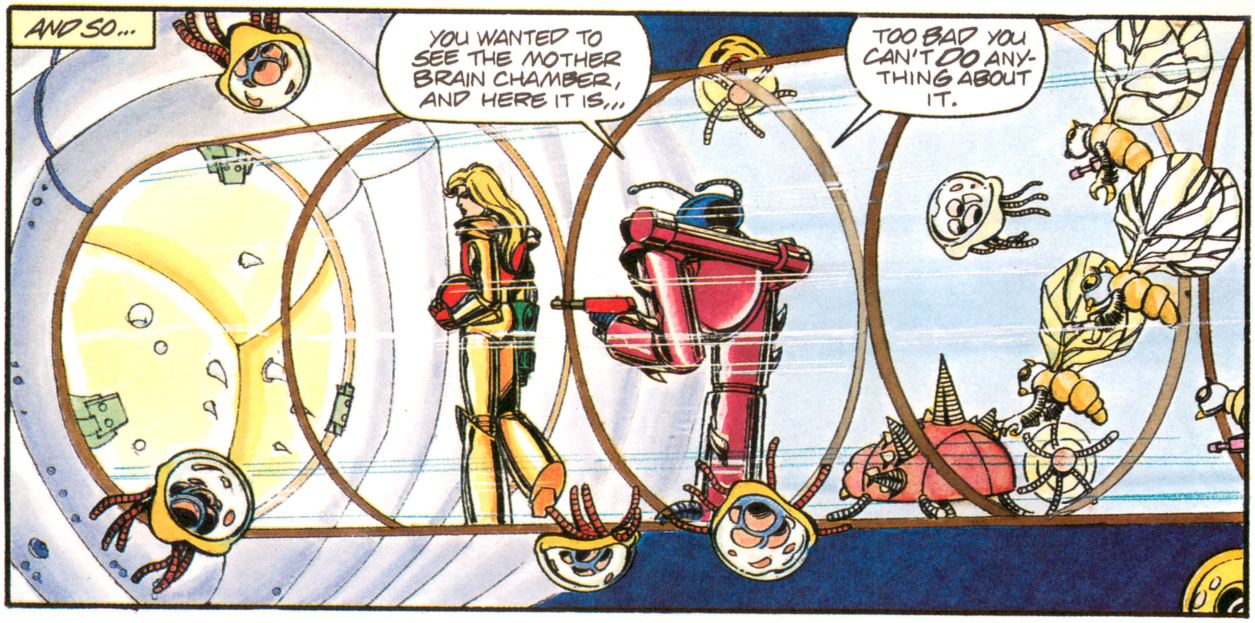

WHAT? A CHALLENGE?
BRAAAM
HEY- NOT TOO SHABBY.!
BRAAM
THIS GUY'S FAST.!
KCHOW
KCHOW
KCHOWWH
FAST ENOUGH TO BE A FULL-CLASS BOUNTY HUNTER.!
KSHOOSH
THIS IS FUN... BUT I'M NOT GETTING ANY CLOSER ... TO MOTHER BRAIN'S CHAMBER...
HNNNH.!!

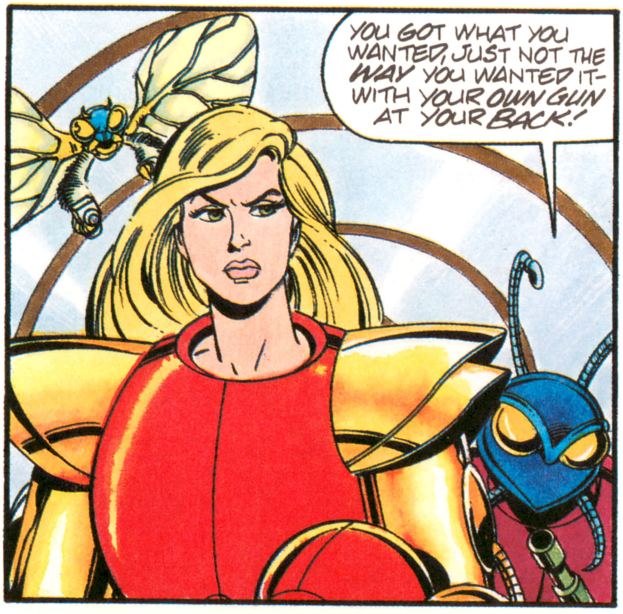

HUH? A BOUNTY HUNTER SUIT... ?
LING!!
OOOF!
THUDDDDDD
BIG TIME...?!
SAMUS? SAMUS ARAN?!!
STILL STEALING MY JOBS-- JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.!!
WELL, THINGS HAVE CHANGED, SAMUS...

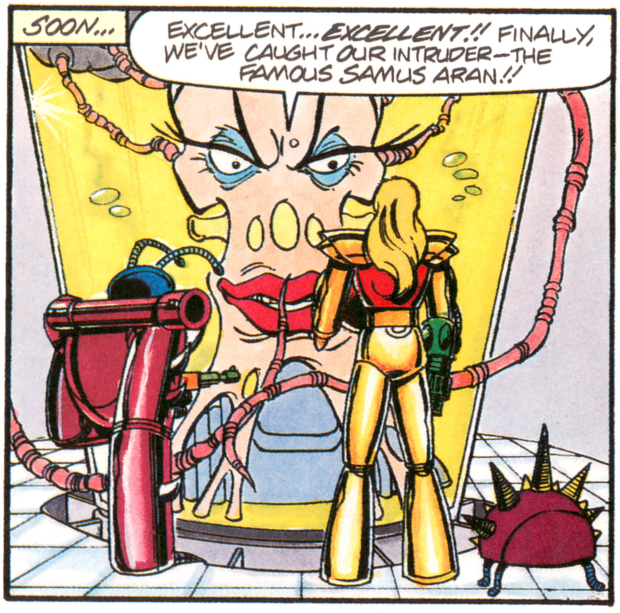

LOOKS LIKE IT'S US BOUNTY HUNTERS AGAINST THE UNIVERSE AGAIN...
UM, ABOUT YOU AND ME...
NOT A BAD TRACKING JOB! BUT I STILL AIN'T SURE ABOUT THAT HUNDRED PER-CENT RATING, BIG TIME.
YOU'RE WORKING FOR MOTHER BRAIN...?
YEP. IF I BAG YOU, I KEEP MY HUNDRED PERCENT RATING. I ALSO WIN TOP BOUNTY HUNTER STATUS...
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS FOR A LONG TIME, SAMUS.
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THIS GUY'S GOTTEN SERIOUS. AND BETTER.
I AM AS GOOD AS SAMUS- I KNOW IT.

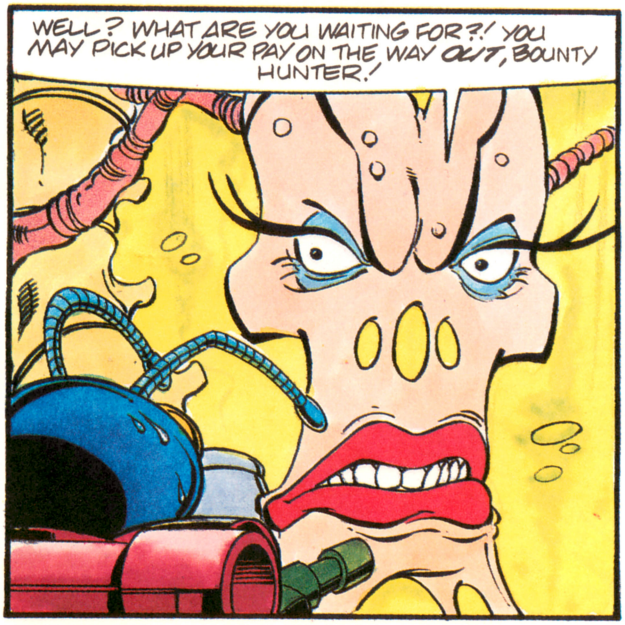

OKAY - LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF!!
I HAVE YEARS MORE EXPERIENCE NOW, SAMUS!
ZCHAT
BRAM
MY JOB IS CLEAR--
--TO GET YOU!!
YOU'RE TAKING THIS WAY TOO PERSONAL!
BRAM BRAM
JUST AS LONG AS I GET THAT ROUND NUMBER - ONE... HUNDRED... PERCENT.
WHUMP
AAAH!!
BRAM

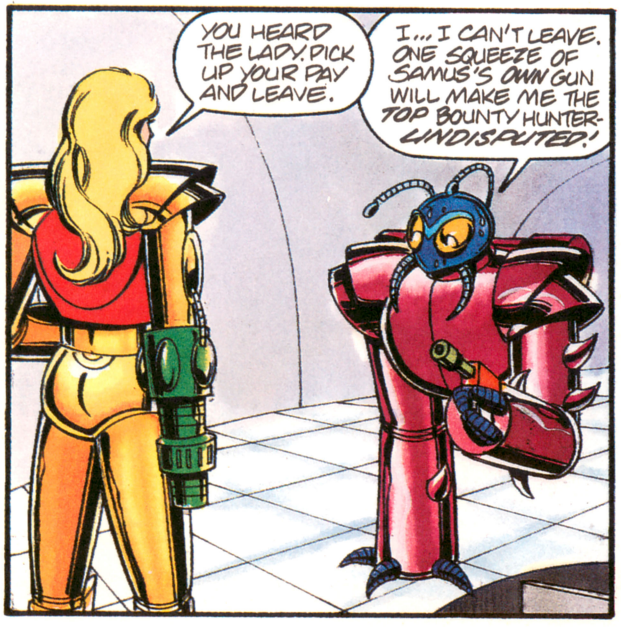

AAAAH--MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!
YOUR MISSION ENDS, "BOUNTY HUNTER", WHEN YOU TURN ME IN TO MOTHER BRAIN.
SAMUS, IF YOU COME WITH US, YOU HAVE A SMALL BUT REAL CHANCE AT SURVIVAL.
OF COURSE. AND I ALSO GIVE UP MY HUNDRED PER-CENT EFFICIENCY RATING.
COME ON, SAMUS, A SMALL CHANCE IS BETTER THAN NO CHANCE AT ALL.
IF SHE MOVES, FRY HER!
ATTAGIRL, SAMUS!

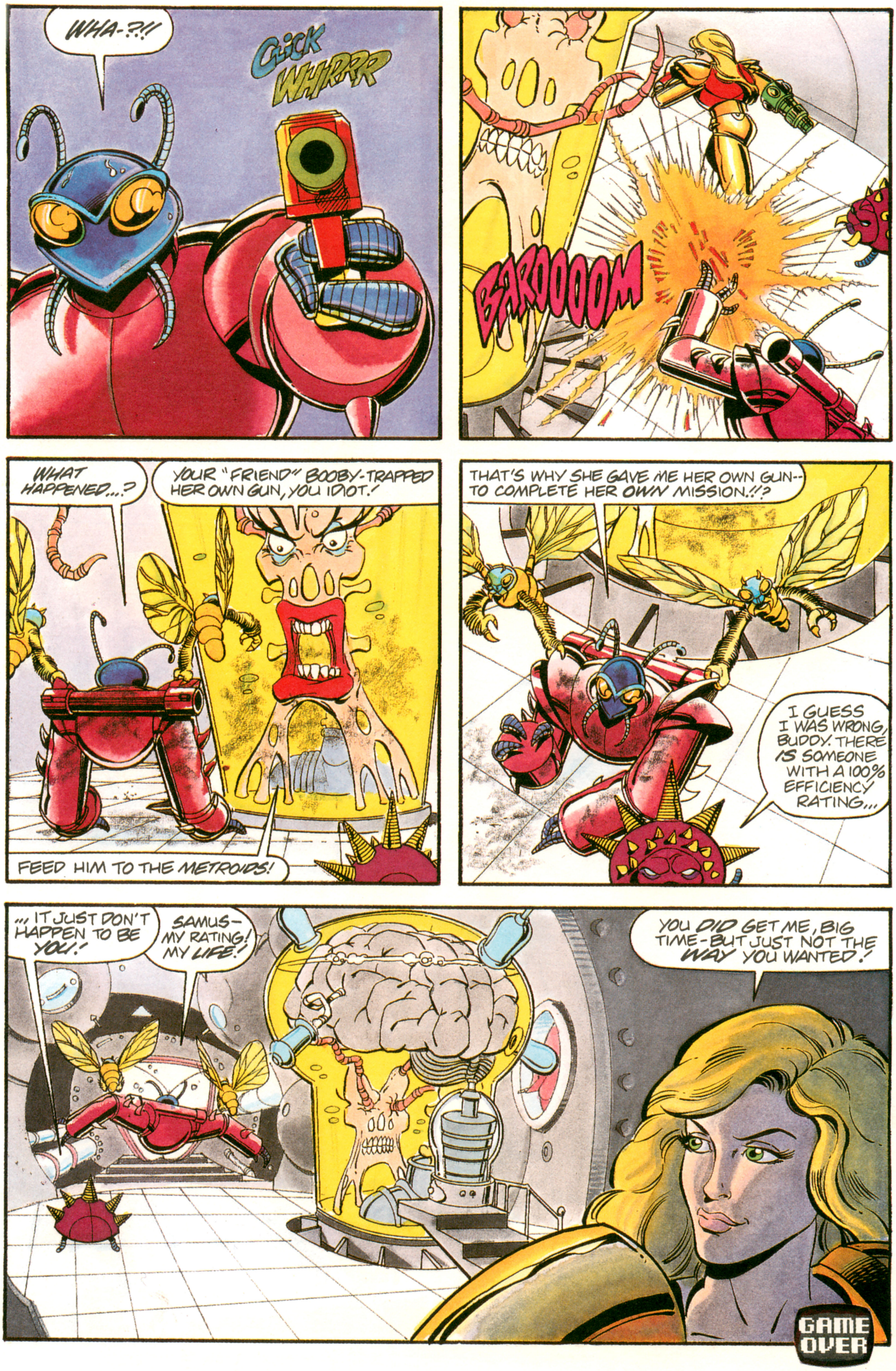

AND SO...
YOU WANTED TO SEE THE MOTHER BRAIN CHAMBER, AND HERE IT IS,,,
TOO BAD YOU CAN'T DO ANY-THING ABOUT IT.


YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED, JUST NOT THE WAY YOU WANTED IT- WITH YOUR OWN GUN AT YOUR BACK!

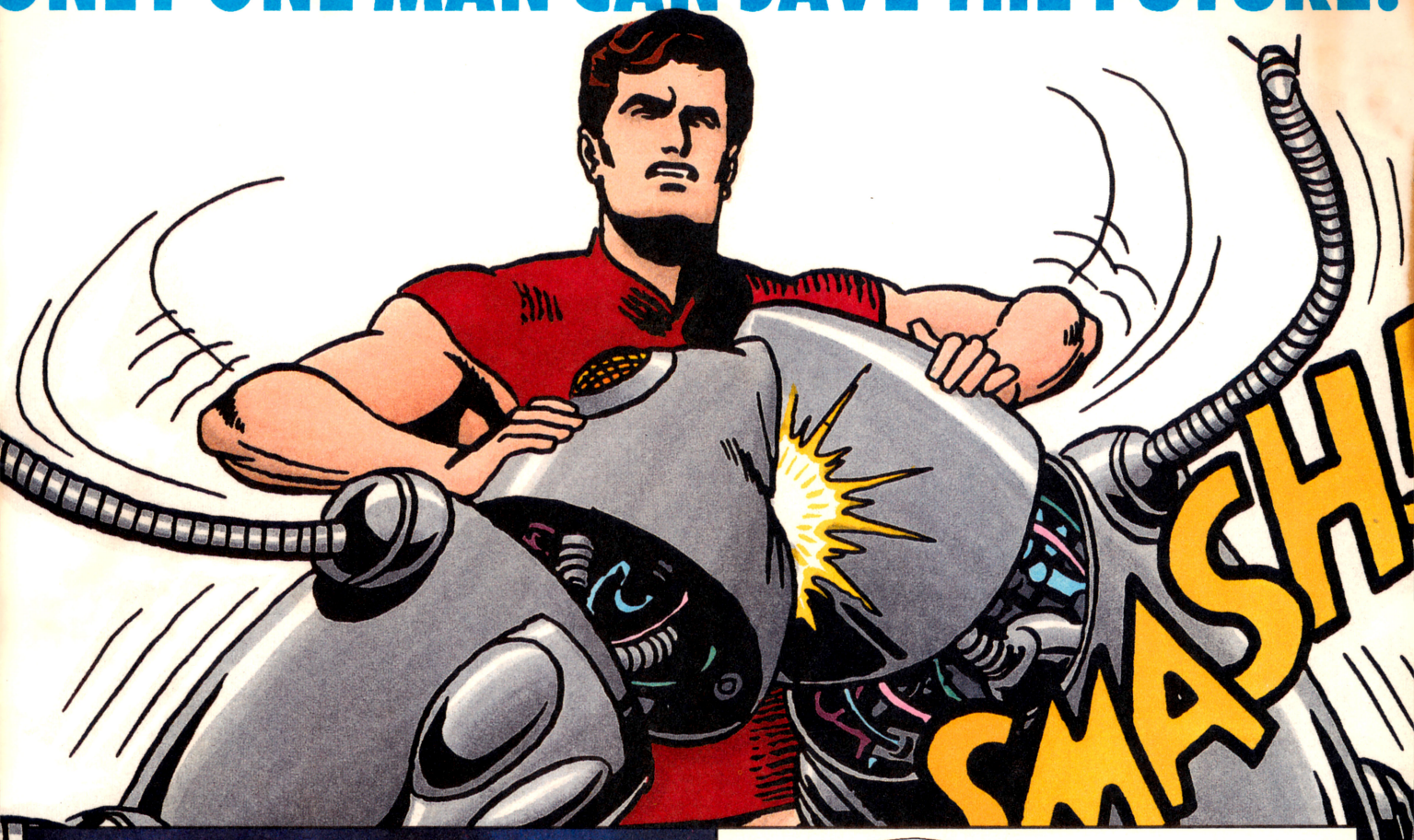

SOON...
EXCELLENT... EXCELLENT.!! FINALLY, WE'VE CAUGHT OUR INTRUDER—THE FAMOUS SAMUS ARAN.!!

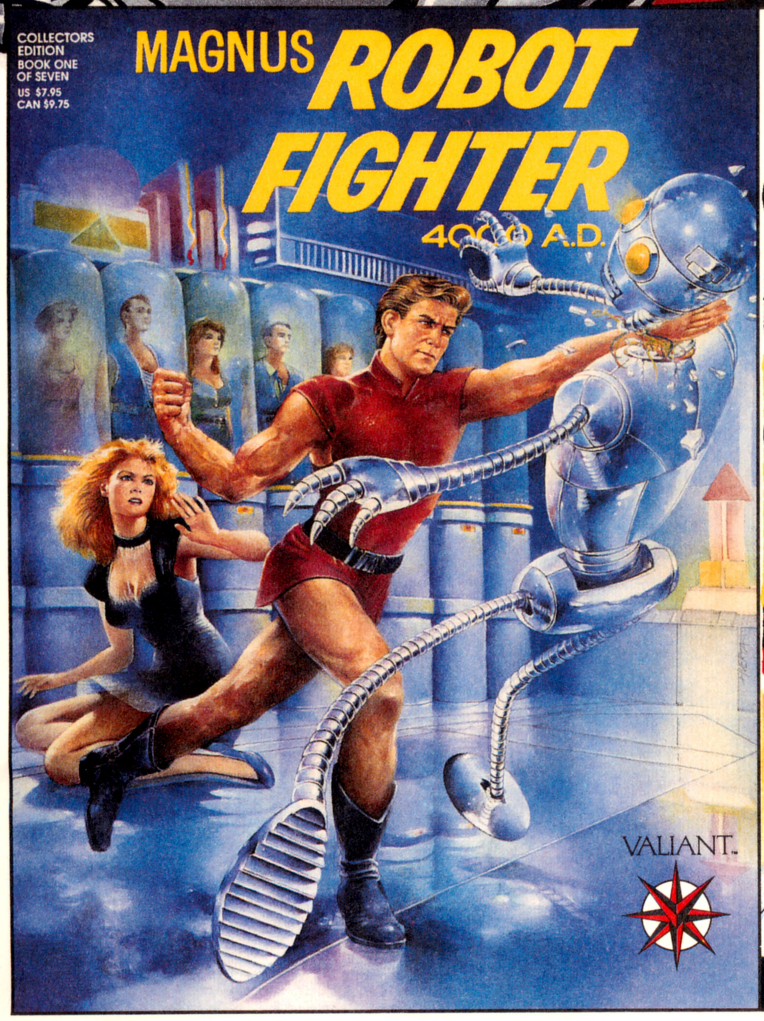

WELL? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! YOU MAY PICK UP YOUR PAY ON THE WAY OUT, BOUNTY HUNTER!

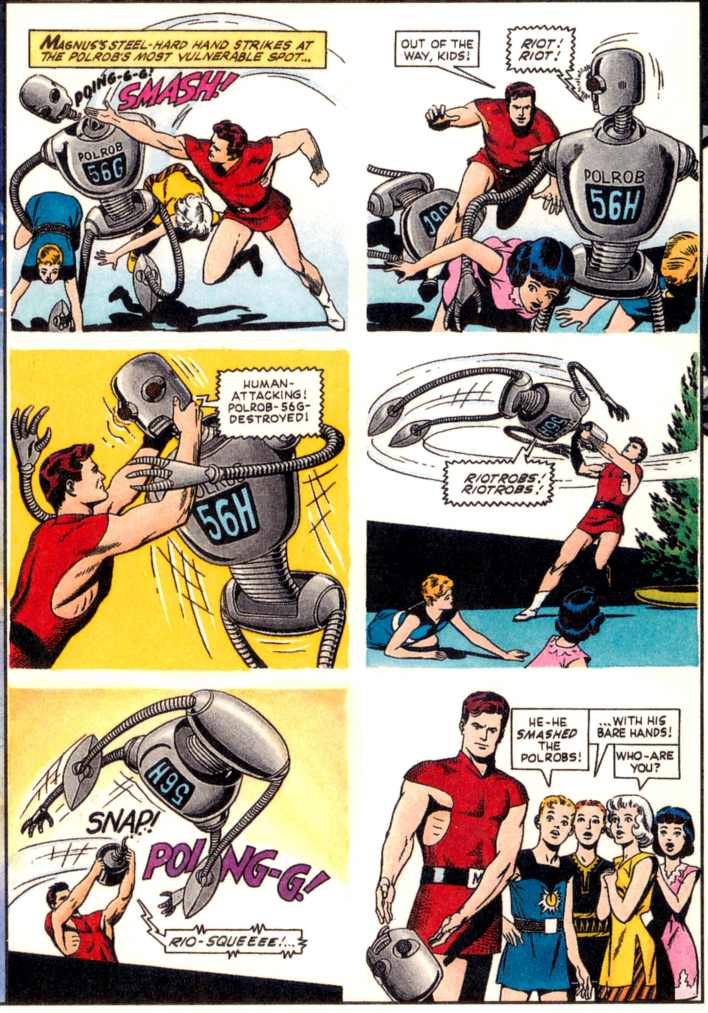

YOU HEARD THE LADY. PICK UP YOUR PAY AND LEAVE.
I... I CAN'T LEAVE. ONE SQUEEZE OF SAMUS'S OWN GUN WILL MAKE ME THE TOP BOUNTY HUNTER- UNDISPUTED!


WHA-?!!
CLICK WHIRRR
BARRRRRM
WHAT HAPPENED...?
YOUR "FRIEND" BOOBY-TRAPPED HER OWN GUN, YOU IDIOT.!
FEED HIM TO THE METROIDS!
THAT'S WHY SHE GAVE ME HER OWN GUN-- TO COMPLETE HER OWN MISSION.!!?
I GUESS I WAS WRONG, BUDDY. THERE IS SOMEONE WITH A 100% EFFICIENCY RATING...
...IT JUST DON'T HAPPEN TO BE YOU.!
SAMUS- MY RATING! MY LIFE!
YOU DID GET ME, BIG TIME- BUT JUST NOT THE WAY YOU WANTED.!
GAME OVER

ONLY ONE MAN CAN SAVE THE FUTURE!







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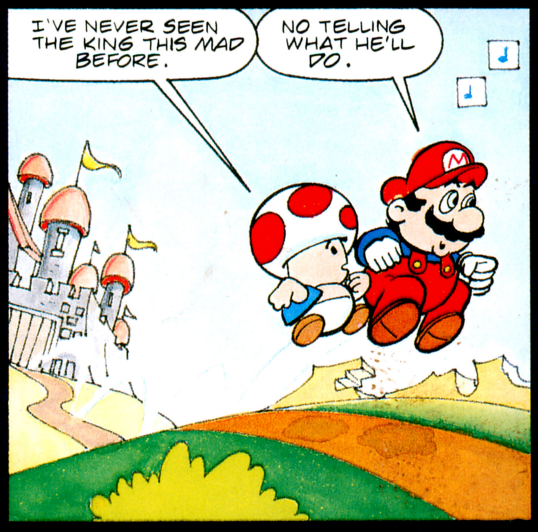

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